



PROGRAM BULLETIN

March 2004

Independent Living Program

Chico Girls Night Out will take place on March 23rd. This casual event gives young women who are involved in ILP the opportunity to make connections and have a dinner on ILP. Interested youth can contact Liberte' Herin at 893-2316 ext.231.

ILP youth express yourself! ILP needs your poems and other art work for possible inclusion in a booklet to be distributed throughout Butte County. Butte County ILP has designed this project to raise funds for the Butte County California Youth Connection chapter, spread awareness, and inspire. Submissions that focus on overcoming difficult situations, moving toward adulthood, or looking toward the future will be strongly considered for inclusion. Space is limited so get your work in early! All materials must be turned in by March 10th. Give your submissions to your ILP worker or mail them to: Butte County ILP, 2577 California Park Dr., Chico, CA 95928. Call Daylyn Kelly at 893-2316 ext. 260 with your questions.

It is financial aid time for youth who will be leaving care in 2004. For the first time, the California Chafee Grant Program is available. The program gives up to \$5000 annually to foster youth and former foster youth to use for college courses or vocational school training. Talk to an ILP worker for more info or go to <http://www.chafee.csac.ca.gov/default.asp>. ILP caseworkers are available to assist youth with scholarship applications, FAFSA forms and accessing Chafee Grants.

ILP's START Program assists eligible former foster youth with housing costs while the individual completes a vocational or educational goal. ILP has submitted a proposal to the City of Chico which would allow for significant expansion in housing assistance to aftercare youth beginning in the summer of 2004. For info contact Tami Thompson at 893-2316 ext. 212 or 1-888-893-4011.

ATTENTION ILP YOUTH AND YOUTH ADVOCATES! Butte County's California Youth Connection chapter wants you! You are invited to help change the foster care system. You can be a part of an organization that can change your life as well as the lives of others. CYC is made up of foster youth and adult supporters just like you. Butte County CYC meets twice monthly. Call Tami Thompson at 893-2316 ext. 212 if you need transportation. *CYC's continued success will be dependent on a strong team of adult supporters-CYC needs additional adult supporters. Join the fun!*

Butte College ILSP classes meet weekly in Chico on Wednesdays from 6pm to 8pm. Youth who attend earn household goods. Youth must be at least 16 to attend. Classes take place at 2491 Carmichael Dr. in Chico. Call 897-6235. Upcoming class topics include:

March 10 th	Job Corps Presentation	March 31 st	Planned Parenthood Presentation
March 17 th	Incentive Store	April 7 th	No Class-Spring Break
March 24 th	Rape Crisis Presentation	April 14 th	Catalyst Presentation

Job Corps is a nationwide employment program for young adults. The Sacramento Job Corps Center offers its trainees the opportunity to develop skills and work habits to start successful careers. It offers free room and board, medical and dental care as well as living and clothing allowances. When training is completed, job placement services are focused on matching the right employer, college or military career with the participant. Go to <http://jobcorps.doleta.gov/> or call 1-800-698-3769. Tours are available.

Butte County Transitional Housing Placement Programs or THPP's are some of the most active and varied in the state. Remi Vista, Youth and Family and Youth For Change each offer unique programs. ILP encourages youth, care providers, and social workers to become familiar with each. Frequently Asked Questions sheets for each program are available. Our county's THPP providers, Butte County CSD staff and ILP staff meet on a regular basis. If you'd like to sit in, contact ILP.

Check out fyi3.com, a web site geared toward involving, informing and assisting foster youth in becoming independent.

All teens 16 and up who are in placement are entitled to ILP services*. If you know of an unreferral teen aged sixteen or up who lives in a foster home or a group home please contact ILP. ILP serves teens placed from other counties as well as Butte County teens. Former foster youth aged 16 to 21, who were in placement at 16 or older, can call Butte County ILP for support in the areas of employment, housing, connecting with community resources and more. Call ILP Aftercare at 893-2316 ext. 257 or 1-888-893-4011.

*Contact ILP to determine eligibility.

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