



Independent Living Program

PROGRAM BULLETIN

March 2005

ILP Experiential Groups in Paradise have been cancelled due to lack of ILP youth participation. The next round of groups will be offered in Chico in the near future.

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.

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. Interested parties can contact ILP if they are interested in sitting in on one of the meetings.

Interested in driving school? ILP has begun paying for driving school for youth involved in ILP. Talk to an ILP caseworker to find out the details.

Butte College ILSP leads the state's community college ILSP's in instruction hours. Classes are scheduled for Wednesdays from 6pm to 8pm at 2491 Carmichael Dr., Ste. 300 in Chico. ILP youth who attend receive valuable life skills information and credit for household goods. Call Kathy Lovelace at 897-6235 to learn more. In February and March Butte College ILSP will offer:

3-2	Job Corps	3-30	Self-Esteem/Self-Appraisal
3-9	Budgeting/Banking, Store Prep	4-6	Healthy Relationships
3-16	ILSP Store	4-13	Employment Skills, Resumes, Interviews
3-23	NO CLASS-Spring Break	4-20	More Employment Skills

The California Chaffee Grant Program gives up to \$5000 annually of free money to ILP youth and former ILP 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 Chaffee Grants.

Check out ILP's job clipboard. New jobs are added each day. ILP youth can access this fantastic resource at the ILP office.

ATTENTION ILP YOUTH AND YOUTH ADVOCATES! 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 at Youth and Family Programs in Chico. At the end of January, three Butte County CYC youth and two adult supporters attended CYC's Day at the Capitol! At this event the youth had the opportunity to speak directly to our state's legislators about foster care issues. Call 893-2316 ext. 261 to hear current Butte County CYC chapter information or leave a message. *CYC's continued success will be dependent on a strong team of adult supporters-CYC needs additional adult supporters. Join the fun!* Visit CYC's new website at www.calyouthconn.org.

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. Involvement in ILP Aftercare is the ticket to ILP's START and TBRA II programs. These programs offer move-in cost payment and rent subsidy for up to a year. Call ILP Aftercare at 893-2316 ext. 257 or 1-888-893-4011. *Contact ILP to determine eligibility.

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