



Independent Living Program

PROGRAM BULLETIN

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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. 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.

ILP will be offering the "Thrift Store Experience" on March 27th in Oroville. This workshop will address smart spending and preparation for living on your own. Talk to your ILP worker for more information.

ILP will be having "Girls Night Out" in Paradise on March 20th. If you are interested in attending and live in the Paradise/Magalia area contact your ILP worker.

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:

3-1 ILSP Store	4-1 Sat. Workshop "leadership and teambuilding"	4-26 Butte College Main Campus
3-8 Job Corps Presentation	4-5 Spring employment skills training	tour and career center
3-15 Anger Mgmt., Self-Esteem	4-12 Spring Break No Class	orientation.
3-22 More Anger Mgmt., Self-Esteem	4-19 Cont. employment skills	

Butte County ILP is one of the programs in Butte County to be approved by the state for Child Welfare Services Outcome Improvement Program funds. For the remainder of the fiscal year ILP will administer a Relative Search program designed to promote lifelong connections for emancipating foster youth. The program utilizes 4 internet search services in conjunction with information solicited from Butte County social workers, agency staff, known relatives and the youth themselves. If you have questions about this program, Alyssum can be reached at 864-8144 or 893-2316 ext. 214 or Eric James at ext. 210.

The Butte County California Youth Connection chapter is currently on hold. If you are interested in being part of CYC, call Adult Supporter, Mary Beth Flanagan at 321-6529 for chapter information. Visit CYC's website at www.calyouthconn.org.

Beginning in April Tami Thompson will become the new ILP Coordinator. Liberte Herin will become the new aftercare/START caseworker. Eric James will be leaving ILP, but will still be at Youth & Family Programs.

Teens 16 and up who are in placement are entitled to ILP services*. If you know of an unrefereed 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. In order for ILP to serve youth from out of county, ILP requires a current Transitional Independent Living Plan completed by the youth with his or her county social worker or probation officer. 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 program. This program offers assistance with move-in costs and rent. Call ILP Aftercare at 893-2316 ext. 257 or 1-888-893-4011. *Contact ILP to determine eligibility.

