



**SHASTA COUNTY  
INDEPENDENT  
LIVING PROGRAM**

**PROGRAM BULLETIN  
March 2008**

**March Experiential Group:** We completed the first class, in February, of a 5 part series that is being taught by “By Design”. The first class dealt with Job Skills. 3 youth won prizes for the “most” appropriately dressed for an interview; however, we had many youth who came appropriately dressed and ready for an interview.

In March we will continue the series with 2 classes. The first will occur on March 5<sup>th</sup> and the topic will be “Your First Checking Account and Budgeting”. The second class will occur on March 19<sup>th</sup> and the topic will be “Your First Car”. The classes will be held at Howell Hall in the Downtown Mall from 4-6pm.

**Please be at the class, ON TIME, as each class takes 2 hours to complete and the class is interrupted by youth arriving late.**

Each youth received a workbook at the first class. The workbooks were retrieved after the class until the next one. When the series is completed the youth will be able to take their workbooks home with them.

**Due to the necessity to have 2 classes in March and April to complete this series we will NOT be having ILP Pizza Night. However, on one night of the classes we will be bringing pizza to the class.**

**Foster Youth Garden:**

The garden is quickly getting back into shape for the season. Our new portable greenhouse came in and will be set up in the next couple of weeks. The portable greenhouse will enable us to take it down if severe weather is going to occur. We will start our direct seeding and starter plants in the next couple of weeks. We had many phone calls, last Tuesday, on weather it was raining hard enough to cancel the garden workday. Please do not call the ILP office to see if the garden will be open. If there is even a mild sprinkle we will cancel the garden even though we have tough youth who would work in a down pour.

Please follow the rules when entering and leaving the garden area:

- 1) Go slow – the garden is located on a private residence. There are dogs, children and sprinklers in the area.
- 2) Please do not drive group home vans down the garden area. Please park outside the main gate, on the street, and walk down. There is not enough room for the large vans to turn around without doing damage to landscaping.
- 3) Please do not drive on the grass. The homeowners had a new sprinkler broken due to someone going up on the grass area.
- 4) Please remember that this garden is a gift. Being able to use this area is a privilege and we need to always respect and cherish our ability to use the land.

**The garden will be open on Tuesdays from 4pm-5:30pm until the time change. If it rains on a Tuesday we will not be working in the garden that day. When daylight savings occurs we will be working from 4-6pm.**

**Baby Time for Jen:** Many of you know that Jen is pregnant and will be leaving to have her baby in April. She is slowly transitioning other caseworkers and clients as she prepares to take off on maternity leave. If you are one of Jen’s clients and haven’t heard who your caseworker will be please contact the ILP office. We are all excited about Baby Bianca’s arrival in April.

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