



**SHASTA COUNTY  
INDEPENDENT  
LIVING PROGRAM**

**PROGRAM BULLETIN  
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**Experiential Group:** We will not be holding experiential classes from May – July. Our last activity before summer is our graduation houseboat trip. This trip was by invitation only and you should have already received your invitation in the mail if you are eligible for the trip.

We will have our resource room open for the summer with art projects, and computers available. Please contact your ILP caseworker if you are interested in using the room.

**Summer Jobs for youth 18-24:** Have you been struggling to find a job? Shasta County ILP is working with the SMART Center to connect youth with summer jobs. If you are between the ages of 18 and 24 contact your ILP caseworker to set up an appointment to go to the SMART Center together. Your caseworker can connect you directly with one of the SMART Center caseworkers to get you into the program.

**YESS Grant:** If you are planning on attending college in the fall consider signing up for the YESS Grant classes that are just for foster youth. You can choose from one to three classes that are 3 units each. These classes are all transferable. You will also be connected with a mentor who is a former foster youth to help guide you through your first semester of college.

To sign up call Sherri Wiggins at 242-4382 or talk to your ILP caseworker.

Sierra Ferguson and Denise Ratliff did an excellent job as the first 2 mentors for the YESS Grant this semester.

**Summer Movie Days Return:** Summer movie days will return in June. We will meet at the Anderson Prime 11 Cinemas for a little relief from the heat and a good movie. The dates for each of the movies will be in the June Program Bulletin.

Teens 16 and up that are in placement are entitled to ILP services. If you know of a youth that has not been referred aged sixteen or up, who lives in a foster home or group home please contact ILP. ILP serves teens placed from other counties as well as Shasta County teens. In order for ILP to serve foster care youth, ILP requires a current Transitional Independent Living Plan completed by the youth with his or her county social worker or probation officer. The TILP is the responsibility of the county social worker or probation officer and should be completed every 6 months, starting at age 15.5. Former foster youth aged 16 to 21, who were in placement at 16 or older, can call Shasta County ILP for support in the areas of employment, housing, connecting with community resources and more. Contact ILP to determine eligibility.

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