



## Independent Living Program

## PROGRAM BULLETIN

November 2004

ILP's Oroville Experiential Groups ended in October. ILP thanks Families United, Left Coast Pizza, Jason Beauchamp and the foster parents who transported ILP youth to groups for their contributions. Here are some excerpts from the written feedback we received at the close of groups:

The best thing about groups was... they were educational and fun, meeting other youth who are in the foster care system, and learning new things.

I learned most when...we talked about how expensive babies are, we talked about car insurance, and when we did mock job interviews.

Next time I would like to learn more about...taxes, apartment hunting, college and job opportunities.

The Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS) at Butte College is a state-funded program that provides special services to eligible students. EOPS services include priority registration, book vouchers, counseling tutoring, child care, assistance with financial aid and referral to other services. Many ILP participants are eligible for EOPS. ILP can help youth connect with EOPS or EOPS can be reached at 895-2555.

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. Butte College ILSP's November schedule:

11-3 Nutrition and Menu Planning

11-17 ILSP STORE to spend incentives earned

11-10 Bank deposits and check writing

11-24 THANKSGIVING BREAK-NO CLASS

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.chaffee.csac.ca.gov/default.asp>. The 2004-2005 applications are available on website. ILP caseworkers are available to assist youth with scholarship applications, FAFSA forms and accessing Chaffee Grants.

**REMINDER:** Youth who are in placement on their eighteenth birthdays are eligible for no share of cost MediCal (4M) until their twenty-first birthdays. Butte County has recently made this automatic for Butte County dependents. ILP youth placed in Butte from other counties can access this benefit through their Butte County ILP caseworkers.

The Butte College Community Giving Tree at the Chico Mall starts Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> and runs through Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>. Butte County ILP is one of 14 non-profits involved in this project. Stop by the tree and take a card of an ILP youth or volunteer at the Giving Tree. ILP staff will be at the tree on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. Call 891-6783 if you are interest in volunteering or have questions about the tree.

**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. The local members conducted a training on Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> at the Butte College Foster Kinship Care Program. Butte County CYC meets twice monthly at Youth and Family Programs in Chico. 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 website at [www.calyouthconn.org](http://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. ILP served a program record 48 aftercare youth from 7/1/04 to 9/30/04. Call ILP Aftercare at 893-2316 ext. 257 or 1-888-893-4011. \*Contact ILP to determine eligibility.

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