



## PROGRAM BULLETIN

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ILP would like to recognize all of the foster parents, group home staff, social workers, probation officers, community members and agencies who support youth involvement in ILP activities. Thanks for being committed to the present and futures of our foster youth!

ILP Experiential Groups began in Oroville on September 18<sup>th</sup>. The groups will meet each Thursday and end on October 27<sup>th</sup>. ILP youth who attend will receive incentives for participating. The groups will focus on preparation for self-sufficiency and cover purchasing and owning a car, renting an apartment, consumer skills, employment tips, and networking with peers. Contact Tami Thompson at 893-2316 ext. 212 or 1-888-893-4011 for information.

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. Who is more qualified to create ways to better the foster care system in California than you? Butte County CYC meets twice monthly. Interested youth who need help getting to Oroville for the meetings can call Tami Thompson at 893-2316 ext. 212. CYC youth presented to Butte County CSD's North County Program Meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup>. *CYC's continued success will be dependent on a strong team of adult supporters-CYC needs additional adult supporters. Join the fun!* Learn more at [www.calyouthconn.org/](http://www.calyouthconn.org/).

Butte College ILSP classes meet weekly in Chico on Wednesdays from 6pm to 8pm. Youth who attend earn household goods. The next store will be held on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Youth must be at least 16 to attend. Call Kathy Lovelace at 897-6235 to find out more.

The least fulfilled needs of former foster youth are housing and employment. ILP is now offering the START program in an effort to address this issue. The function of START is to assist with housing costs while the individual completes a vocational or educational goal. Contact Tami Thompson at 893-2316 ext. 212 to apply or learn more.

The Building Trades Council is reaching out to schools and ILP's to recruit young people to enter the construction trades through apprenticeships. Contact an ILP case worker for more information or take a look at their website: [www.BuildingC3.com](http://www.BuildingC3.com).

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.

All 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. We have a toll free number, 1-888-893-4011, for calls from outside of the Chico area. \*Contact ILP to determine eligibility.

Fosteryouth.net is a resource website for current and former foster youth. Butte and fourteen other northern counties are involved in this project. While parts of this site are "under construction", it contains a great deal of useful information.

ILP thanks Matson and Isom for its support of ILP and ILP youth.

Butte County ILP welcomes input from youth, care providers, and local agencies. Please direct inquiries and suggestions to Eric James, the program coordinator, at 893-2316 ext. 210 or email at [ejames@youthandfamily.info](mailto:ejames@youthandfamily.info).