



**SHASTA COUNTY
INDEPENDENT
LIVING PROGRAM**

**PROGRAM BULLETIN
October 2005**

Annette is an intern from Chico State University. She will be working on a community project for Shasta County ILP. Annette has been working hard to find a storage unit to store items for aftercare youth who are moving into their first apartment. We have had 3 aftercare youth move into apartments since July and 3 more will be moving in by December. Most of these teens have nothing to put in the apartment when they move in. We should have the storage unit ready to go by the second week of October. If you can help with any items for a youth's first apartment please contact Annette at 365-9197 ext 105.

Join us for the October experiential class on Wednesday, October 26th from 4-6pm. The State Ombudsman will be speaking to foster care teens about emancipation, foster care rights and options. California Youth Connection will also be here to talk about their program. We will have a raffle for door prizes at the end of the class. Pizza will be provided. Please RSVP Cheril Werkman at 365-9197 ext 105 by October 20th, 2005.

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.chafee.csac.ca.gov/default.asp> ILP caseworkers are available to assist youth with scholarship applications, FAFSA forms and accessing Chaffee Grants.

This month the Shasta College ILS class will be "Staying Healthy" – taking charge of your health when you're living on your own. The discussion will focus on the latest STD prevention, medi-cal benefits until age 21, and taking care of your body. The class will be held on Tuesday, October 25th from 4-6pm at the NVCSS office, 2400 Washington Ave., Redding. Please RSVP Colleen Oshier at 247-3321 by October 19th. It is important for Colleen to receive an RSVP for proper planning.

Get Involved!! California Youth Connection needs your voice to help make changes to the foster care system. This organization was developed by foster youth. The youth members are between the ages of 14-24. Foster youth members are assisting their county and state in making the foster care system better and breaking the stereotypes of foster youth. Local meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Thursday from 5:30-7pm at the CYC office, 1650 Oregon Street in Redding. For more information call Lisa or Hemal at 243-8450.

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 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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