



**SHASTA COUNTY  
INDEPENDENT  
LIVING PROGRAM**

**PROGRAM BULLETIN  
October 2009**

**Foster Youth Garden:** Thank you to all of the foster youth who came out and helped us clean up and close up the garden for this season. We are hoping to move the garden to a new location, next spring that has irrigated land which will cost us a lot less for water. We will be searching for the perfect location over the winter. Again, thank you to all of the foster youth who helped get the job done.

**Experiential Group:** In an effort to provide more hands on experiential groups, properly prepare for groups and have an adequate number of youth participating; we will only be allowing the first 20 kids that **RSVP** to attend our experiential classes this year. **We can no longer accept youth that just show up or RSVP on the day of the class.** We are sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause but it is very important that ILP youth learn personal responsibility by providing an **RSVP**, on time, to participate in the classes.

October's experiential group will be a budgeting and banking class. It will be held on October 28th, from 4:30-6:30pm, at our new classroom area at the Youth and Family Office. If you need directions we can provide them when you call to RSVP. The last day to RSVP will be October 21st by 4pm. **Please RSVP to Scottie Sewart at 365-9197; not your ILP caseworker or the ILP Coordinator.**

**Reminder seniors:** Are you a senior this year? Keep in touch with your ILP Caseworker as you go through your checklist of things that need to be done. Here is a tentative list of things you may need help with:

- Senior pictures are usually due by November if you want them in the yearbook
- Cap and gown/graduation invitation order slips come out in the fall. Don't wait until the last minute to get them ordered.
- If you are planning on attending a University next year the application process is usually only open for a month right around November of this year.
- Attend our financial aid class in January with Barbara Stufflebeam at Shasta College and get all of your financial aid done at once. Barbara is the expert on foster youth and financial aid. You should apply for financial aid early even if you are going to another college or are not sure if you want to go to college yet.
- If you want to live in the dorms next year you need to talk to your ILP Caseworker about helping you put down a dorm deposit now. The colleges are already taking reservations for the 2010/2011 school year.
- If one of your requirements for graduation is a senior project make sure you ask for assistance if you need help completing it. We have many resources to help you.

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