



## Independent Living Program

## PROGRAM BULLETIN

September 2004

Youth and Family Programs, Butte County's oldest foster family agency and the home of Butte County ILP for the last eight years, is celebrating its twentieth anniversary this year. On October 8<sup>th</sup>, Youth and Family Programs invites all interested members of our community to its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House. The food and fun will run from noon to 6pm.

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.

Another round of ILP Experiential Groups wrapped up on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Participants visited Wittmeier Auto Center, learned about renting housing from Rob Koop of Sheraton Real Estate Management, received employment tips from Frank Condon of Speedy Burrito, toured one of Butte County's Employment Centers, and practiced shopping for groceries while having fun and earning money. ILP thanks the members of our community who took the time to assist ILP with groups. A new round of groups will begin on September 16<sup>th</sup> in Oroville. Contact Tami Thompson at 893-2316 ext. 212 or toll free at 1-888-893-4011.

Many Aftercare youth do not have a phone number at which they can be reached on a consistent basis. ILP is providing cell phones with calling cards to some Aftercare youth in order to improve each aftercare youth's ability to connect with services and employers. ILP has identified specific phones that can serve this function. **Anyone who upgrades to a different cell phone can donate their old phone to ILP if it falls into the Nokia 5160 Series (i.e. 5165, 5160i. etc) or Nokia 1260 or 2260 Series. Any associated cell phone chargers will also be gratefully accepted.**

**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. Butte County CYC meets twice monthly at Youth For Change in Oroville. 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).

Butte College ILSP classes resumed on August 18<sup>th</sup>. 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 September scheduled topics:

9-1	Prejudice and Tolerance	9-15, 9-22, and 9-29	Career and Personality Assessments
9-8	Prejudice and Tolerance		

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.

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 55 aftercare youth from 4/1/04 to 6/30/04. Call ILP Aftercare at 893-2316 ext. 257 or 1-888-893-4011. \*Contact ILP to determine eligibility.

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