



**SHASTA COUNTY
INDEPENDENT
LIVING PROGRAM**

**PROGRAM BULLETIN
September 2008**

Experiential Group: We will have our first experiential group of the new school year on Wednesday, September the 17th from 4-6pm @ Howell Hall in the Downtown Mall. Join us and start off the new school year by learning to get organized and managed your time.

Foster Youth Garden: The foster youth garden is continuing to grow, despite the return of the deer. Deer may be cute but they are once again enjoying a late night snack of tomatoes and have found the beans to be appetizing too. It looks like the decision about a BIG fence has been made. They will have to stand outside, next year, and gaze wishfully at the garden instead.

The garden will be open on Tuesday, from 3:30pm-5:30pm until September 1st. In September and October, the garden will be open on Wednesdays, from 3:30-5:30pm; unless we have an experiential class on that day. The garden will close for the winter on November 1st.

Transitional Housing Plus Program: Youth and Family will be running the new transitional housing plus program for Shasta County. What is transitional housing plus? This is a great program for aftercare youth ages 18-24. The program provides the youth with housing and financial support, for up to 2 years, to help aftercare youth as they move into the adult world. Shasta County was awarded 8 beds to start the program and hope that as the program progresses and shows success they will be able to add more beds. This program is funded by the State of California and will be extremely helpful to our youth who struggle to transition out of foster care. The program will fill up immediately and youth are already being placed on a waiting list. The youth entering the program, as it starts up, are extremely grateful to have such a wonderful program offered in Shasta County.

High School Seniors: The new school year has just started but if you are a senior you will have a huge list of things to accomplish this year. Here are a few reminders. Contact your ILP Caseworker if you need help getting through the list.

- **Some schools have senior projects – make sure you get started early.**
- **Senior pictures will be due sooner then you think. Start making arrangements now.**
- **California colleges have a short time frame to apply (usually around November) make sure you talk to your school counselor or ILP worker to make sure that your application gets turned in on time.**
- **If you haven't passed the exit exams yet make sure you ask for tutoring. If you do not pass the exit exams you will receive a certificate of completion, instead of a high school diploma. If you only receive a certificate of completion you will not qualify for some of the financial aid programs.**

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