



**SHASTA COUNTY  
INDEPENDENT  
LIVING PROGRAM**

## **PROGRAM BULLETIN**

**August 2005**

The first of the Shasta College ILP classes will begin on August 10<sup>th</sup>, from 1-3:30pm. The title of the class is Thinking About College? The class will cover financial aid, the career and transfer center, student support services, health and wellness services and the learning resource center. If you are interested in going to any college in the future you can join us in Classroom 2308, in the New Bookstore Building, at Shasta College. Please RSVP Colleen Oshier at 247-3321 by August 8<sup>th</sup> if you are planning on attending.

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.

Many of you have already met Cheril Werkman, who has joined the Shasta County ILP team. She is a great asset and we are excited to have her on board to work with ILP youth.

**WHAT IS A TILP?** A Transitional Independent Living Plan or TILP is a document required by the state that is to be completed by a foster youth and his or her county social worker or probation officer. According to California Department of Social Services regulations, the initial TILP is to be completed when a youth is between the ages of 15.5 and 16. A new TILP is to be completed at least every six months until the youth's dependency is dismissed. The TILP becomes part of the case plan and steers plans for self-sufficiency preparation. A valid TILP must be in place for a youth to be referred to ILP.

Shasta County ILP will hold their first Experiential Group at the end of September. We are planning on offering a class once a month on varying topics such as searching for and living in your first apartment, buying and owning a car, cooking skills, consumer skills, career and employment tips, roommate/relationship survival skills, and more. ILP youth who attend will receive incentives for participating. Youth in the Redding/Anderson Area can contact their ILP caseworker for information. Youth aged 17 and up will be given priority.

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 youth from out of county, ILP requires a current Transitional Living Plan completed by the youth with his or her county social worker or probation officer. 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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