



## Independent Living Program

## PROGRAM BULLETIN February 2007

By Design Financial will be hosting a five week workshop program starting February 13<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm at Youth and Family located in Chico on 2577 California Park Dr. The workshops will be held every Tuesday from 2/13/07-3/13/07 from 5-7pm. All ILP youth are invited. If transportation is needed please contact your ILP worker.

Girls Night Out will be held in Oroville on February 15<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm. Please contact your ILP worker to find out the location. Hope to see you there!

It's officially tax season. If you were employed last year and need assistance with filing your taxes please contact your ILP worker for help.

ILP is embarking on a new and very exciting adventure that will allow ILP youth the opportunity to gain valuable work experience. More information will be available very soon. If you are interested in further details please call your ILP worker.

ILP wishes to give a very sincere "THANK YOU" to the following people for their help and support with our new project: Christy Fellner and the men from Medwaste Disposal Justin Curry and Darren Puett.

The new 2007-2008 FAFSA applications are now available. If you are planning on attending College and need help with the FAFSA and other preparations please contact your ILP worker for assistance and possible grant opportunities.

Have you passed the exit exam yet? If your answer is no, help is only a phone call away. Contact your ILP worker and ask about the tutoring services available through BCOE.

Butte College ILSP leads the state's community college ILSP's in instruction hours. 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 897-6237 or check out the new website: <http://www.butte.edu/services/student/career/fostercare> ! Class Schedule for December:

- February 1, 2007- 6:30 to 8pm Roundtable. Emancipation.
- February 7, 2007- Continue drugs, alcohol, and tobacco information.
- February 14, 2007- Parenting skills.
- February 21, 2007- CLICK legal advice and resource information.

- February 28,2007- Budgeting, banking, paychecks and lesson on keeping a checkbook and Shopping lists for ILSP store.

Are you a former foster youth between the ages of 18-21? If so we would like to invite you to join us for some fun and food! We are calling this exciting event 'Aftercare Drop in Day' where all former ILP youth can get together with their peers and workers for support and guidance. If you are in the midst of a confusing transition in your life and desire some free help this is the place to be or if you just want to come by for a minute for some good conversation and food feel welcome. Dates and Times:

- The second Thursday of every month in Oroville from 4-5:30pm. 1881 Robinson St.
- The fourth Thursday of every month in Chico from 4-5:30pm. 2577 California Park Dr.

Check out our new ILP Myspace account at: [www.myspace.com/butteilp](http://www.myspace.com/butteilp)

Teens 16 and up who are in placement are entitled to ILP services\*. If you know of an un-referred teen aged sixteen or up in a foster home or group home please contact ILP. ILP serves teens placed from other counties as well as Butte County teens. In order for ILP to serve youth out of county, ILP require a current Transitional Independent Living Plan completed by the youth with his or hers county social worker or probation officer. Former foster youth aged 16 to 21, who were in placement at 16 or older, can call Butte county ILP for support in areas of employment, housing, connecting with community resources and more. Involvement in ILP aftercare is the ticket to ILP's START program. This program offers assistance with move-in costs and rent. Call ILP Aftercare at 893-2316 ext 231 or 1-888-893-4011. \* Contact ILP To determine eligibility

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