



**SHASTA COUNTY
INDEPENDENT
LIVING PROGRAM**

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Experiential Group for January: Are you in high school and wondering what college life is like? Join us on January 4th, 9:30am-12pm at Shasta College for an orientation. If you are a senior you will have the opportunity to fill out your FAFSA during the class. We will also cover the Chafee Grant. You will meet Barbara, the Foster Care Liaison for Shasta College, who can help you walk through the process of entering college. We will meet in the Computer Lab, Room 2209, in the Administration Building which is directly across from the main building that most people go to for applications, assessment testing, financial aid, etc. The two buildings are linked by a covered walkway. For information call Lisa Goza 365-9260 ext.120.

Pizza Night: Join us on Tuesday, January 22nd, from 4:30pm – 6pm, for ILP Pizza Night at the Roundtable in the Mt. Shasta Mall. This is a time for youth to talk to peers, connect with their caseworkers and enjoy some pizza. **Please only send youth who do not need to be supervised, individually, by staff. Please pick up youth promptly at 6pm.**

CYC Meeting: David will be coordinating with a few youth, who have been very active in getting the CYC chapter going, to go to Day at the Capitol. CYC youth spend two days, in January, working on CYC topics and meeting with legislators on their topic. This year the youth are working to help ensure ILP services for youth who move from foster care to the juvenile system or into juvenile hall. For more information contact David Morris at 365-9260 ext 105.

Foster Youth Garden:

David met with the Agriculture Department, this week, to start the process for certifying the garden as organic and to be able to sell at the Farmers Market. His next step will be to work with the actual Farmers Market to be able to sell the vegetables. We are hoping to be able to sell once a week at the Farmers Market. **The garden will reopen on Wednesday, January 23rd, from 4-5:30pm. We will be working on getting the beds ready for planting, our garden design for this season and ordering seeds.**

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 foster care youth, ILP requires a current Transitional Independent Living Plan completed by the youth with his or her county social worker or probation officer. The TILP is the responsibility of the county social worker or probation officer and should be completed every 6 months, starting at age 15.5. 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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