



**SHASTA COUNTY  
INDEPENDENT  
LIVING PROGRAM**

**PROGRAM BULLETIN  
July 2006**

We will be taking a break from ILP Experiential classes for the month of July. However, join us on August 1<sup>st</sup> when we partner with the Shasta County Foster Parent Association to welcome Dashawn Patrick, from the Seattle Mariners, who will be here to speak to our foster youth. Dashawn was in foster care and has written a book called Some Rise Above It which addresses his experiences as a foster child. We will be meeting at the Elks Lodge. We hope to make this a full day event with Dashawn speaking, lunch, prizes, and possibly swimming. Save the date **August 1<sup>st</sup>!!!!** We will announce the time in the next week or so.

On July 20<sup>th</sup> the Shasta County Child and Family Services Supervisors would like to invite all **Shasta County foster care youth, ages 14-24**, to a meeting about the formation of a Foster Youth Advisory Council. The supervisors would like foster youth's input on Shasta County's Foster Care system. The youth council would work with the supervisors to make the foster care system, in Shasta County, better. They will be partnering with Shasta County ILP and CYC in the formation of the advisory board. If you need further information contact Lisa Goza @ 365-9260 ext 120.

Get Involved!! California Youth Connection needs your voice to help make changes to the foster care system. This organization was developed by foster youth. The youth members are between the ages of 14-24. Foster youth members are assisting their county and state in making the foster care system better and breaking the stereotypes of foster youth. Local meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday from 5:30-7pm at the CYC office, 1650 Oregon Street in Redding. For more information call Lisa or Hemal at 243-8450.

Shasta County ILP is completing its first year under Youth and Family. The program has grown to 130 youth. We are currently hiring an additional caseworker, due to the continued new youth we are receiving in the program. We hope to have our new caseworker in place and ready to see youth by the end of July. Thanks to everyone for your patience as we have grown very quickly.

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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