



**SHASTA COUNTY
INDEPENDENT
LIVING PROGRAM**

**PROGRAM BULLETIN
June 2006**

PLEASE!!! Make sure you RSVP the number of people you are bringing by June 9th for ILP Graduation.

365-9260 ext 120

******June ILP Graduation – Make sure you RSVP by June 9th to Lisa Goza @ 365-9260 ext 120 or lgoza@youthandfamily.info. All social workers, ILP youth and families are welcome; however, we need to have a count of all people attending. If you are a graduating senior or ILP graduate (aging out of ILP) and you plan to participate in the ropes and zip line course please make sure you have a release signed by June 9th. ILP caseworkers have the releases with them.**

We will be holding our ILP Graduation on June 17th at Victor Youth Services. Make sure you save the date on your calendar. We will be celebrating youth graduating from high school; youth aging out of ILP and youth who have had exceptional growth in different areas this year. From 9am-12pm the youth who are graduating from high school and the youth who are aging out will be able to participate in a ropes and zip line course with the Victor Youth Services staff. We will be sending those youth a special invitation.

Please make sure your name is on the list if you are graduating as you will need to have a permission slip signed to participate. From 12-4 we will have a BBQ and graduation ceremony followed by a dunk tank where you can dunk an ILP staff (we are all voting to dunk Cheril☺ please support our efforts). We will also have a DJ and possible softball game later. We would like any youth who would like to share their art, poetry, or other special talents sign up for a spot to show their items or time to share their poetry.

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. Social workers and probation officers please start looking for verification letters that will be sent to you from the Chaffee Grant Program. These letters need to be returned with your signature and the ILP coordinators signature for the grant to be processed.

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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