



**SHASTA COUNTY
INDEPENDENT
LIVING PROGRAM**

PROGRAM BULLETIN

March 2007

March Experiential Group: We will be running 2 experiential groups this month. Our first ILP group this month will be Building a Support System on March 13th from 5-7pm at Howell Hall. Our second group, Mysteries and Miseries, will be held on March 27th, from 5-7pm at Howell Hall. We are hoping to have these classes taught by aftercare youth who have been on their own for 1 year or more. We will be serving pizza on the 27th. Howell Hall is located in the Downtown Mall. If you enter at the mall doors closest to the Post Office Saloon and walk straight you will see the room on the left.

If you are preparing to go to college in the fall of 2007 you need to remember these important dates:

- Submit your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible
- Make sure you get a GPA verification form if you are applying for the Cal Grant. Some schools automatically download your GPA to the state office; contact your school counselor for this information. If your school doesn't download the information, ask your counselor for a form. You can also contact your ILP Worker for help in downloading the forms.

March 2:

- If you haven't done it by now, today is the deadline for submitting the FAFSA and the Cal Grant GPA Verification Form! If you already submitted your forms sit back and watch your friends scramble around at the last minute while you say, "I told you so" and feel smug.
- **Reminder:** Many people get mixed up when applying for the Chafee Grant. The Chafee Grant application, for the 2007/2008 school year, will not be available until August 2007. The application time is different from regular financial aid applications.

Your ILP Caseworker can help you with all of your forms for college. The forms can be filled out on our computer, at our office, so they go right to the appropriate destination quickly. Contact your ILP Caseworker for assistance.

Congratulations: We want to congratulate Jon M, from Anderson High School, on winning his weight class at the North State CIF Finals. Jon will be going on to the State Meet in Bakersfield tomorrow. If he places there he will be going to West Virginia for National Finals. Jon is currently living in transitional housing. He will be graduating in June from high school and then going on to college. We also want to say happy 18th birthday. We thank him for giving us permission to publicly congratulate him.

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

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