



**SHASTA COUNTY
INDEPENDENT
LIVING PROGRAM**

**PROGRAM BULLETIN
November 2007**

Etiquette Dinner: The annual Etiquette dinner will be coming up at the end of November. We will not have a regular ILP Group for everyone in November as the Etiquette Dinner is by invitation only. Each caseworker will be picking clients who have worked with their caseworker, participated in ILP groups, the garden, and other ILP activities throughout the year. An invitation will be sent to those youth who are invited. Please try to arrange to wear nice attire. The boys usually wear slacks and a dress shirt and the girls can wear a dress or a pant suit (no jeans and tee-shirts). Only youth who can attend unsupervised should RSVP. Please RSVP by November 21st to Scottie Sewart 365-9260 ext 112.

Experiential Group for December: Studies show that approximately 50% of foster youth are parents by their 19th birthday. Do you have questions about making healthy choices in a relationship? Join us for our monthly experiential group on choices around sex, relationships and staying healthy with Shasta County Nurse Maggie. The class will be held on December 6th, from 4:30 – 6pm at Howell Hall, in the Downtown Mall.

Pizza Night: Our next Pizza Night will be on Wednesday, November 14th, from 4:30pm-6pm at the Roundtable in the Mt. Shasta Mall. Only youth who can come unsupervised should attend as this is time for them to interact with peers, talk to their ILP caseworker and relax.

CYC Meeting: David Morris will hold the first CYC meeting on Tuesday, November 20th, from 5pm-6:30pm at the Roundtable Pizza Parlor in the Mt. Shasta Mall. If you are interested in attending please contact him at 365-9260 ext 105

Foster Youth Garden:

The Broccoli is knee high; lettuce and garlic are up and growing. Some of the carrots got accidentally weeded but the kids learned what small carrots look like☺. Scott has researched the grapes and put in the posts and wire to support them. We will be putting up supports for the raspberries. The greenhouse cucumbers and tomatoes are going strong. A schedule for the next couple of months, for the garden, is included below.

Are you a youth who would like to participate and possibly help run our Farmer's Market program next spring and summer? Our youth support worker, David Morris, will be taking applications for positions for our Garden Youth Board. He will be picking 4 youth to work with him, through the fall and winter to prepare to sell next summer at the Farmers Market. The youth **MUST** be able to participate in a monthly meeting, starting in October, with David. The board will work to get the county Ag Department approval, apply to a chosen Farmers Market and be the first to be able to work, next spring and summer selling at the Farmers Market. Each youth will receive an incentive for their participation. The applications will be available, through September. Please contact David Morris at 365-9260 ext 106 if you are interested. David only works on Tuesdays so please allow time for him to return your phone call. You may also pick up an application at the ILP Pizza Night.

Garden Schedule for November, December and 1st - 2 weeks of January.

November 6th – 4-6pm with Jennifer F. and Jeff S.

November 13th – 4-6pm with Nikki B.

November 20th – 4-6pm with Valerie P.

November 27th – 4-6pm with Lisa G.

**** The garden will be closed for the month of December and the first 2 weeks of January, due to the weather. It will reopen the 3rd week of January to start setting up for the spring.**

Aftercare Youth Only: We will be delivering Thanksgiving Dinner groceries on November the 19th, between 10am and 12pm. Please make sure that someone is there to accept the groceries as we don't like to leave them on the porch. ILP supplies groceries for aftercare youth, in their own apartments, so that they will be able to have Thanksgiving dinner and invite friends or family.

Donation Center: We tend to go in waves when receiving different donation items. We currently need more dressers and small dining room tables. We can always use any household item that will help the youth get started in their first apartment. If you have a donation, please call David Morris, our youth support worker, at 365-9197. Please remember that he only works on Tuesdays so it may take a few days to return your call.

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 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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