



**SHASTA COUNTY
INDEPENDENT
LIVING PROGRAM**

**PROGRAM BULLETIN
November 2008**

ILP Pizza Night: ILP Pizza Nights are back for the winter. Please join us on Wednesday, November 19th, from 4-6pm at Round Table Pizza in the Mt. Shasta Mall. Come and visit with friends, talk to your caseworker and eat lots of pizza. **Please only send youth who can attend unsupervised. ILP staff are not responsible for youth after 6pm so please be on time to pick youth up.**

Experiential Group: Our next experiential group will be held on Wednesday, November 12th, from 4-6pm, at Howell Hall in the Downtown Mall. We will be setting up a personal budget; talking about stretching your money, and figuring out how to make it from month to month. This class is fun and gets a little heated as we all must agree on one budget and what to spend the money on.

Foster Youth Garden: The fall garden has been planted and will be closing down for the winter. The youth planted a variety of onions and garlic for overwintering. They also have celery, cabbage, broccoli and some other veggies that we will keep an eye on even though the garden is closed. We have some youth who come out to the garden on a regular basis. They are there each week and work hard to keep the garden going. This year was a tough year and sometimes discouraging with the deer issues and frost issues. However, these youth continued to come back each week and replant, weed, harvest, and keep the garden going. Thank you to the youth (and you know who you are) and to the foster parents and group home staff, who faithfully transport youth out to the garden each week. One of the group home staff stated how important it was, to the youth, to get outdoors and work in the garden. Many of our aftercare youth are stuck in apartments and coming out to the garden, where it is quiet and beautiful, gives them a break from the day to day struggles they face. We need to get a fence up next year to be able to make the garden successful and to be able to sell at the Farmer's Market. We continue to struggle with the financing for the fencing but may have some solutions in the wings. **STAY WARM DURING THE WINTER; SEE YOU IN THE SPRING!!!!**

**** We owe a giant thank you to Scott and Jantina for their continued support of the garden and use of their property. Scott continues to make sure the garden is watered when we are not around. He has set up drip systems that are on timers for us and keeps an eye on things. Again, we truly appreciate their support of the program****

Etiquette Dinner: Youth are starting to ask about the Etiquette Dinner. The Etiquette Dinner will be held in December. It is by invitation only. Each caseworker picks those youth, on their caseload, who they feel have participated the most in the ILP Program throughout the year. Look for your invitation in the mail. The dinner will be held at the McConnell Foundation and catered by CR Gibbs.

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