



Independent Living Program

PROGRAM BULLETIN

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WHAT IS A TILP? A Transitional Independent Living Plan or TILP is a document required by the state that is to be completed by a foster youth and his or her county social worker or probation officer. According to California Department of Social Services regulations, the initial TILP is to be completed when a youth is between the ages of 15 ½ and 16. A new TILP is to be completed at least every six months until the youth's dependency is dismissed. The TILP becomes part of the case plan and steers plans for self-sufficiency preparation. A valid TILP must be in place for a youth to be referred to ILP.

Fosteryouth.net is a resource website for current and former foster youth and those who support them. Butte and fourteen other northern counties are involved in this project. This site lists services in each of the counties as well as general information about navigating the adult world.

Butte College ILSP leads the state's community college ILSP's in instruction hours. Classes are scheduled for Wednesdays from 6pm to 8pm at 2491 Carmichael Dr., Ste. 300 in Chico. ILP youth who attend receive valuable life skills information and credit for household goods. Call Kathy Lovelace at 897-6235 to learn more. In September and October Butte College ILSP will offer:

9-7	True Colors Assessment	10-5	Gender Equity & Sexual Harassment, Gay & Lesbian Issues
9-14	Interest Inventory & Career Search	10-12	Transitional Housing Options, ILP followed by CCC Presentation
9-21	Interest Inventory Follow Up	10-19	Employment Info, Resumes and Applications
9-28	Diversity Training	10-26	Job Retention Skills, New Hire Info & Resume Followup

Getting Ready is a monthly publication for foster youth working toward living independently. Getting Ready's articles and artwork are contributed by current and former foster youth. Ask an ILP caseworker for the latest copy.

The Butte County California Youth Connection chapter will be meeting at 5:30pm on September 8th at Youth & Family Programs in Chico. Teens in foster care and group homes in Butte County-**this is your organization**. You can be a part of an organization that can change your life as well as the lives of others. ILP youth who attend can earn incentives for attending. Call Adult Supporter, Mary Beth Flanagan at 321-6529 for chapter information. Visit CYC's website at www.calyouthconn.org.

Butte County Transitional Housing Placement Programs or THPP's are some of the most active and varied in the state. Remi Vista, Youth and Family and Youth For Change each offer unique programs. ILP encourages youth, care providers, and social workers to become familiar with each. Frequently Asked Questions sheets for each program are available. Our county's THPP's, Butte County CSD, Community Care Licensing, Butte County Office of Education School Ties and ILP meet monthly. Interested parties can contact ILP if they are interested in sitting in on one of the meetings.

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.chaffee.csac.ca.gov/default.asp>. ILP caseworkers are available to assist youth with scholarship applications, FAFSA forms and accessing Chaffee Grants. Check out Finaid.org, a comprehensive financial aid resource.

REMINDER: Youth who are in placement on their eighteenth birthdays are eligible for no share of cost MediCal (4M) until their twenty-first birthdays. Butte County dependents are enrolled in this program when they age out of foster care. Former foster youth placed in Butte from other counties can access this benefit through their Butte County ILP caseworkers.

Teens 16 and up who are in placement are entitled to ILP services*. If you know of an unreferral teen aged sixteen or up who lives in a foster home or a group home please contact ILP. ILP serves teens placed from other counties as well as Butte County teens. In order for ILP to serve youth from out of county, ILP requires a current Transitional Independent Living Plan completed by the youth with his or her county social worker or probation officer. Former foster youth aged 16 to 21, who were in placement at 16 or older, can call Butte County ILP for support in the areas of employment, housing, connecting with community resources and more. Involvement in ILP Aftercare is the ticket to ILP's START program. This program offers assistance with move-in costs and rent. Call ILP Aftercare at 893-2316 ext. 257 or 1-888-893-4011. *Contact ILP to determine eligibility.

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