



**SHASTA COUNTY
INDEPENDENT
LIVING PROGRAM**

**PROGRAM BULLETIN
April 2007**

Exciting News: We will be starting a community garden for our foster care youth in April. Two great families have offered their land for our ILP youth to use to grow vegetables. We will be making a decision this week on which location we will be using. The garden will provide fresh vegetables to our aftercare youth that live in their own apartments. As the garden grows we hope to grow enough vegetables to share with the seniors in the community or to sell at our local farmers market. If the youth can sell at the farmers market they will have the opportunity to learn job skills; marketing skills and the donations will help them learn to give back to the community. The rules of the garden will be explained as we go along. However, on **Saturday, April 21st** we are planning a workday. We hope everyone will support us by volunteering a couple of hours, on this day, to help get the bigger projects done (gate put in, greenhouse put together, fencing, rototilling, put picnic table together, drip irrigation started). We plan to start small and enlarge the garden as we go. We would love any donations of starter plants, seeds, and especially your help on the 21st. We will be barbecuing hot dogs and hamburgers for lunch. Please contact Scottie Stewart at 365-9197 with a two-hour time frame that you are willing to work. We will be working from 9:00 am – 2:00pm on April 21st. We will send out directions and more information in the next two weeks. Thanks for your support. Youth who participate will be earning an incentive for the day.

April Experiential Group: We will be having our final group of our transition series on April 12th at Howell Hall in the Downtown Mall from 4:30-6:15pm. **Please do not let youth run around in the Mall unattended. The Mall closes at 5:30pm. All doors are locked at that time. Youth and staff need to enter and leave the class through the doors nearest the Post Office Saloon. If you drop youth off you will have to wait until the group is over to reenter. We will walk all youth out through the Post Office Saloon doors. Please pick up youth promptly.**

ILP Pizza Night is back: We will have ILP Pizza Night on April 26th, from 4:30-6:00pm at the Roundtable Pizza in the Mt. Shasta Mall. **This evening is for the youth to socialize and touch basis with their caseworkers. PLEASE only send youth that can attend on their own, without staff supervision. The ILP staff will not be responsible for keeping track of youth coming and going.**

Welcome: Shasta County ILP would like to welcome Nikki who is one of our new caseworkers. Nikki will be slowly adding on clients to her caseload. Nikki is a student at Shasta College and is pursuing a degree in Psychology. We would also like to welcome David Morris as our first Youth Support Worker. David is currently in ILP; however, he will be working 8 hours a week helping us coordinate new projects, help with groups, and help manage our donation center. We are very excited to have both of these new additions to ILP. Also, Jennifer Forehand is now full-time. We are grateful to have her working with more youth.

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