



Independent Living Program

PROGRAM BULLETIN

December 2004 & January 2005

Youth in Transitional Housing are eligible for educational support services through Butte County Office of Education's School Ties Program. School Ties services include assistance with school enrollment, college, the GED or CHSPE, tutoring, and many other education related areas. Some ILP Aftercare clients are eligible for School Ties also. Call School Ties at 532-5745.

ILP has a new job clipboard. New jobs are added each day. ILP youth can access this fantastic resource at the ILP office.

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. Butte College ILSP's December and January schedules:

12-1	Planned Parenthood (STD's & AIDS)	1-5	CYC Poetry Project & Decision Making
12-8	Catalyst (Healthy Relationships)	1-12	Goal Setting & Decision Making
12-15	Anger Mgmt., Grief and Loss	1-19	Financial Aid Workshop & Chaffee Grants
12-22 & 29	Christmas Break-NO CLASS	1-26	Positive Parenting

If you are heading for college during 04-05, don't miss the Butte College ILSP Financial Aid Workshop on Jan. 19th. The Chaffee Grant Program will also be covered. 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.chafee.csac.ca.gov/default.asp>. The 2004-2005 applications are available on website. ILP caseworkers are available to assist youth with scholarship applications, FAFSA forms and accessing Chaffee Grants.

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 has recently made this automatic for Butte County dependents. ILP youth placed in Butte from other counties can access this benefit through their Butte County ILP caseworkers.

The Butte College Community Giving Tree at the Chico Mall starts Nov. 19th and runs through Dec. 24th. Butte County ILP is one of 14 non-profits involved in this project. Stop by the tree and take a card of an ILP youth or volunteer at the Giving Tree. ILP staff will be at the tree on Dec. 10th. Call 891-6783 if you are interested in volunteering or have questions about the tree.

ATTENTION ILP YOUTH AND YOUTH ADVOCATES! Butte County's California Youth Connection chapter wants you! You are invited to help change the foster care system. You can be a part of an organization that can change your life as well as the lives of others. CYC is made up of foster youth and adult supporters just like you. Butte County CYC meets twice monthly at Youth and Family Programs in Chico. Call 893-2316 ext. 261 to hear current Butte County CYC chapter information or leave a message. *CYC's continued success will be dependent on a strong team of adult supporters-CYC needs additional adult supporters. Join the fun!* Visit CYC's new website at www.calyouthconn.org.

ILP youth, check out these web sites on employment: www.snagajob.com, www.groovejob.com, www.teensforhire.com, and www.northvalleyjobs.com.

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. 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 and TBRA II programs. These programs offer move-in cost payment and rent subsidy for up to a year. Call ILP Aftercare at 893-2316 ext. 257 or 1-888-893-4011. *Contact ILP to determine eligibility.

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