



**SHASTA COUNTY  
INDEPENDENT  
LIVING PROGRAM**

**PROGRAM BULLETIN**

**June 2007**

**Foster Youth Garden:** The garden is looking spectacular. The youth have done an awesome job. We have planted corn, squash, tomatoes, artichokes, beans, peas, watermelons, pumpkins, flowers, herbs, cucumbers and more. The youth are almost done putting up the greenhouse. The greenhouse was a big undertaking for them but they have read the instructions and done 95% of the construction as a team, without adult help. The drip line is in and the youth have covered the area with straw to conserve water. Scott and Jantina have voluntarily moved fences to open up the area for better access for cars to park. We are very grateful to their commitment to the garden and the ILP youth. We will start harvesting tomatoes and squash in the next week or two. First choice of the harvested vegetables goes to aftercare youth, then THP youth, and then we will be donating the extra to the mission and Golden Umbrella for the seniors. Next year we are hoping to have a booth at the Farmers Market.

New garden hours: **The garden has new summer hours. There will be an adult at the garden to supervise on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 9am-12pm. We will also be having a cooking class on one of those days each week. We will be using food from the garden to prepare lunch and teach the youth how to use the different vegetables we are growing.**

**Summer Time Fun:** We will be meeting at Anderson's Prime 11 Theatre on the following dates to provide the youth with a free movie day this summer. Come and join us for popcorn and fun. You need to call Scottie Sewart at the front desk to sign up. **Please make sure you sign up and as we need a count of how many youth will be coming.** We will meet at the theatre at 1:30pm on each of the dates. We will be working out the exact movie with the theatre. Youth must be able to be left on their own with ILP staff and show appropriate behaviors.

**Movie dates: June 12<sup>th</sup>/1:30pm, July 10<sup>th</sup>/1:30pm, August 7<sup>th</sup>/1:30pm.**

**Experiential Groups:** We will be taking a break from our experiential groups for the summer. We will be starting them up again in late August. We hope everyone has a great summer.

**Donations:** We have a number of youth who are graduating from high school and moving into their first apartment. We have our donation center open so that youth can pick out items they need to get started. If you have any furniture or household items you would like to donate please call us at 365-9260 ext 120.

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> ILP caseworkers are available to assist youth with scholarship applications, FAFSA forms and accessing Chaffee Grants.

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