



**SHASTA COUNTY
INDEPENDENT
LIVING PROGRAM**

**PROGRAM BULLETIN
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Pizza Night is Back: after taking a break for the summer we will start up our Pizza Nights again. The first one will be on September 12th, from 4:30-6pm, at the Round Table Pizza Parlor, in the Mt. Shasta Mall. Only youth who can come unsupervised should attend as this is time for them to interact with peers, talk to their ILP caseworker and relax. David Morris, our youth support worker, will be talking to the youth from 5:00-5:30pm about CYC.

CYC Conference: The youth from Shasta County who attended the California Youth Connection Conference had a wonderful time. Two of our youth were elected to different positions. One youth was elected to the Northern California Legislature for CYC and the other youth was elected to the CYC advisory board. The youth also presented the topics they had chosen to work on, during the conference, on Monday to a representative from the Governors office, a person representing the State Legislature, a judge, and a representative from the Social Workers Association. The youth picked the following topics to focus on and make recommendations.

Transitional Housing: The importance of youth being able to access transitional housing and the benefits of the program.

Juvenile Justice System: Youth who enter the juvenile justice system still being able to have the same access to ILP services and help as they did while they were in foster care. Also, the ability for youth in juvenile hall to still receive services

Group Homes: The youth addressed representatives from the states Community Care Licensing Division. They asked that group homes be inspected without notice that CCL was coming. They recommended that licensing show up between 5pm-8pm and let youth talk to them confidentially. They also recommended that youth have more access to the outside world, working, activities, etc., to help them transition better.

Experiential Group: Our next experiential group will be coordinated with the College Quest Day, on September 25th, at the Redding Convention Center. Please see the attached flyer. We will meet in the Redding Convention Center Parking Lot at 5:15pm. There will be over 50 booths with colleges, college information, prizes and other giveaways. We will have a tailgate party in the parking lot with our own pizza and soft drinks. Each youth who will also receive a raffle gift from ILP. If you have further questions please contact Lisa Goza at 365-9260 ext 120.

Foster Youth Garden: The garden continues to GROW, GROW, GROW. We have been amazed at the amount of food produced this summer. Our fall crop is starting to go in. Last Tuesday, youth started removing old summer plants and starting the fall plants.

Please remember that the garden hours for the fall and winter are Tuesdays from 4-6pm. You can drop off youth and an ILP caseworker will be there to supervise.

Are you a youth who would like to participate and possibly help run our Farmer's Market program next spring and summer? Our youth support worker, David Morris, will be taking applications for positions for our Garden Youth Board. He will be picking 4 youth to work with him, through the fall and winter to prepare to sell next summer at the Farmers Market. The youth **MUST** be able to participate in a monthly meeting, starting in October, with David. The board will work to get the county Ag Department approval, apply to a chosen Farmers Market and be the first to be able to work, next spring and summer selling at the Farmers Market. Each youth will receive an incentive for their participation. The applications will be

available, through September. Please contact David Morris at 365-9260 ext 106 if you are interested. David only works on Tuesdays so please allow time for him to return your phone call. You may also pick up an application at the ILP Pizza Night.

College/Military Bound: Congratulations to all of our youth who graduated in June and have moved on to college or to military service. We moved 3 youth from THP to the Shasta College dorms last week. We are grateful for our new liaison, Barbara, for all of her help with the foster care youth attending Shasta College. We had youth leave for college in Southern California, and two youth leave for the military. We have other youth who are living in their own apartments and attending college at the same time.

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