

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

EMPLOYMENT & HUMAN SERVICES

Building Brighter Futures Together

Employment & Human Services Department

Youth Services Report – Independent Living Skills Program (ILSP)

Family & Human Services Committee

June 28, 2021



What is Independent Living Skills (ILSP)?

- Foster Care Independence Act of 1999 (Public Law 106-169)
- Provides training, services, and benefits to assist current and former foster youth in achieving self-sufficiency prior to, and after leaving, the foster care system
- Each county has the flexibility to design services to meet a wide range of individual needs and circumstances.

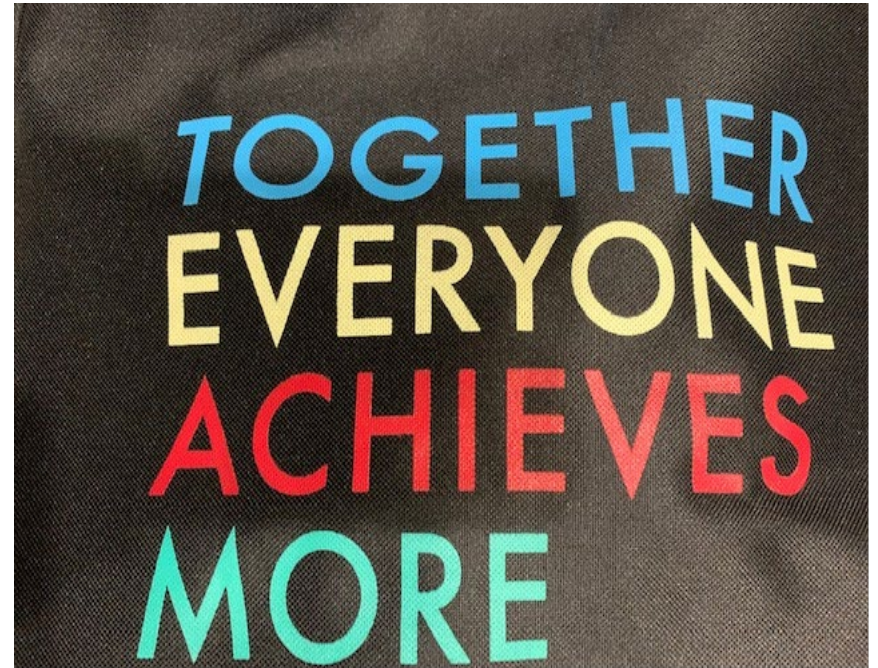
The Independent Living Skills Program

“Our vision is to move every youth
from stagnation to motivation,
from limitations to possibilities;
from dependency to self-sufficiency;
from the past to the FUTURE.”



ILSP spotlights “The Four Pillars”

- Education
- Employment / Vocational
- Housing
- Well-Being



Who is Eligible?

- Youth placed in out-of-home care after their 16th birthday.
- Former dependents who entered into a kinship guardianship at any age and is receiving Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payments (Kin-GAP) at the age between 16 and 18.
- Former dependent who entered into a Non-Related Legal Guardianship (NRLG) after their 8th birthday.
- Probation Youth with Placement orders at the age of 16.
- Former dependent youth at the age of 16.
- Youth residing here from other counties of jurisdiction.

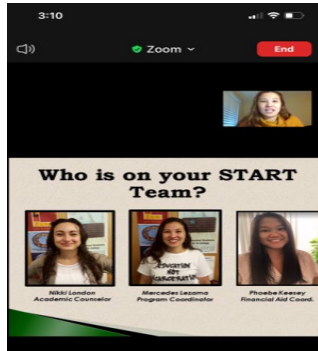


Some of the Services Contra Costa County Provides:

- Daily living skills
- Money management
- Building/developing self-esteem
- Financial support with college or vocational schools
- Educational Resources
- Housing via Transitional Housing and Housing Referrals
- Employment assistance / WIOA referral
- 1:1 support
- Emergency Food Pantry and Clothes Closet



A Glimpse of ILSP Life Skills Workshops & Events ...



FREE FAFSA FOR FOSTER YOUTH VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

get informed. get money for college.

October 29 4:00PM - 5:00PM | November 12 4:00PM - 5:00PM | November 19 4:00PM - 5:00PM | December 10 4:00PM - 5:00PM

<https://cccoceschools.zoom.us/j/95557638478?pwd=a0JlTC80cERueUVVNm1lbnkNlZUE5QT09>

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FAMILY HARVEST FARM APPRENTICESHIP

Family Harvest Farm is an employment training program for transition age foster youth 18-24. Family Harvest Farm is designed to give youth work experience and life skills through farming and gardening. Come learn how to grow your own food and be the pioneers of this brand-new farm!

- Learn how to grow your own food
- Learn how to farm while gaining paid work experience
- Work outdoors
- 1-year apprenticeship
- Be paid above minimum wage
- Be a part of a growing movement that produces healthy food for use by local families and individuals
- Free paid lunch every day
- Learn how to cook and eat healthy food
- Be a part of building a new farm from the ground up
- Be a vital part of a team of other transition age youth

JMLT FAMILY HARVEST FARM
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If you're not sure, come visit us on the farm!
1300 Power Ave., Pittsburg, CA
or contact Mary Chery Farm Manager @ 360-551-5614

Contra Costa County ILSP cordially invites you to our

VIRTUAL HOLIDAY NETWORK EVENT

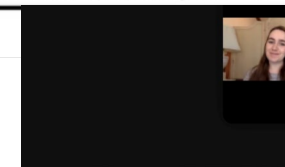
Simply contact ILSP to check in and let us know how you're doing and make sure we have your updated contact info and you may receive:

- a \$50 target gift card* made possible by **VESTIA**
- a gift that keeps on giving: information, knowledge, and support with goal planning and any other opportunity you need

to RSVP, contact ILSP at 925-957-6600 or text free at 925-957-6600. Or contact one of the ILSP staff directly.

Don: 925-766-9255 | Tim: 925-766-9258 | Alfred: 925-989-4699
Krislin: 925-393-4671 | Nico: 925-434-8941

We look forward to celebrating the holidays with you!
*Gift cards available first come, first serve, while supplies last.



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Compatibility
Relationship Expectation
Communication Challenges
Signs of Relationship Danger
Intimacy
SAMPLE TOPICS
Intentional Decision-Making
Principles of Smart Relationships
Science of Attraction
Pregnancy, STIs and HIV

2020/2021 Summary

- 415 current and former foster youth served in current fiscal year
- 34 THP+ provided transitional housing & support services
- 126 THPP NMD provided transitional housing & support services
- 82 ILSP youth have been identified to graduate High School in 2021
- Donations via VESTIA, Inc. increased during the pandemic
- Collaborative efforts continued, providing virtual workshops

