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Tulare County Independent Living Program



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What is the Independent Living Program?

The Independent Living Program (ILP) is a free and voluntary program. ILP assists youth in foster care or probation with necessary services to achieve independent living skills, thus preparing for a smoother transition into adulthood. Participants learn skills to live independently of the system.

The three pillars of ILP are:

- *Permanency
- *Employment
- *Education

ILP's focus is to utilize a strength-based approach, while keeping in mind the appropriate resources and each individual's uniqueness, in efforts to assist youth in establishing the three pillars.

To make ILP successful, there must be collaboration between the youth, all involved agencies, caregivers, relatives, families, social workers and probation officers.



Who is eligible?

To be eligible for ILP, a youth must have been in foster care with dependency *and* have lived in an out-of-home placement at some time between his/her 16th-18th birthdays. Eligible youth are referred by their social worker or probation officer at the age of 15½. ILP serves eligible youth until his/her 21st birthday.

What services are offered?

ILP offers a variety of services which may include:

One-on-one meetings: where ILP needs and skills are discussed and goals are established.

Financial Incentives: if youth actively participate in achieving their goals.

Workshops: where youth are taught in a classroom-type setting.

Fieldtrips: to colleges, public events, special events, museums and High Ropes in the mountains.

Referrals to other resources: such as CSET, SEE, North and South County One-Stops, Job Corps, THP+ housing, and more.

Transitional Planning Conferences: which are held prior to youth's emancipation to develop a plan for this transition.

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