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KERN COUNTY
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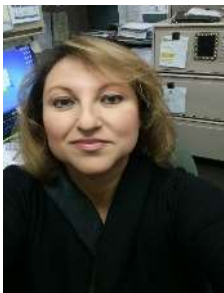
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WHAT IS

ILP ?

The Independent Living Program (ILP) is a federally funded program that provides services to assist eligible youth (16-18 years of age) in making successful transitions from foster care to independent living. Any youth who were in OR are in foster care/probation and placed in out-of-home foster care at any time from their 16th to their 18th birthday are eligible for ILP Services. The services are also offered to those youth who qualify for extended foster care (AB 12) from the ages of 18-21. ILP offers a vast amount of services to help youth achieve self-sufficiency prior to exiting foster care. The following are some of those services:

- Transitional Independent Living Plan (TILP) – completed with ILP worker/probation officer every 6-months to explore goals related to self-sufficiency
- Education Planning – plan for completion of high school and options for college
- College and financial aid application assistance
- Community resources that provide career planning, job leads, and resume assistance
- Transitional housing for emancipated youth
- Emancipation conferences
- Life skills
- Referrals to resources
- Assist youth in opening a savings account
- ILP trust fund
- Senior packet - cap/gown, etc.
- Transportation assistance – bus passes and/or assistance with obtaining a driver's license
- Introduction to California Youth Connection (CYC)
- Incentives for ILP participation
- Referral to a mentoring program
- Assist youth in obtaining their birth certificate, social security card, California Identification Card or California Driver's License
- Assist youth in obtaining access to view their child welfare case file(s)

UPCOMING ILP EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2019

- Breakfast 101
Date – September 10th
Time – 4:00pm – 6:00pm
Location – Dream Center Collaborative Building, 1807 19th St. Bakersfield, CA 93301
- Tier I/Tier II Orientation
Date – September 17th
Time – 5:00pm – 6:00pm
Location – Career Resource Department-2727 F St. Room 101, Bakersfield, CA 93301
Class begins on September 24th – Dec. 17, 2019 at the same location
Tuesdays from 5:00pm – 6:30pm
- Parenting
Date – September 19th
Time – 3:30pm – 5:00pm
Location – Dream Center, 1801 19th St. Bakersfield, CA 93301

OCTOBER 2019

- Tier I and Tier II Life Skills classes continue (Tuesdays) until December 17, 2019 at the Career Resource Dept. 2727 F St. Bakersfield, CA 93301
Classes are ongoing and can be joined mid-session
- Independent City
Date – October 5th
Time – 9:00am – 4:00pm
Location – Bakersfield College (Forum West), 1801 Panorama Dr. Bakersfield, CA 93306

NOVEMBER 2019

- Tier I and Tier II Life Skills classes continue (Tuesdays) until December 17, 2019 at the Career Resource Dept. 2727 F St. Bakersfield, CA 93301
Classes are ongoing and can be joined mid-session
- Budgeting and Paying Bills
Date – November 5th
Time – 4:00pm – 6:00pm
Location – Dream Center, 1801 19th St. Bakersfield, CA 93301

Community Resources

Ashley Hollins



Human Services Assistant III

- Emancipated youth and AB 12 Youth may be eligible for Cal-Fresh (formerly Food Stamps). Stop by the Dream Center at 1801 19th Street and see Ashley Hollins to complete an application or visit www.C4Yourself.com to apply online.
- Call 211 if you are in need of household assistance such housing, food, clothing, childcare or utility assistance.
- Drivers Training: We have limited funds available for driver's training for ILP youth. Contact your ILP Social Worker to make the request. First come first serve, until all of the funds have been used.

Unclaimed Trust Funds for former ILP:

Former Kern County Foster Youth who participated in various activities provided by the Department and other Community Based Organizations, may have a trust fund balance that was not disbursed when you emancipated. You may be eligible to receive funds for participating in these activities, such as, classes, workshops, THP Plus or ILP events.

Unclaimed trust funds have been transferred to the Kern County Treasurer Tax Collector Office located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue in Bakersfield, CA. The funds will remain with the Treasurer for three years, until 2021. To verify if there are funds being held at the Treasurer's Office in your name, you may go on-line, go to the Kern County Treasure Website then select Unclaimed Money, from there you will search the database. If funds are located, please follow their instructions to claim the funds.



Connecting

Young Adults Ages 18-24 to
Employment Opportunities
and NO-COST Services

Career Exploration & Training Opportunities

- Career Assessments
- Workforce Preparation
- Vocational & Technical Training
- Educational Planning
- Financial Literacy Training



Network with Employers

- Referrals to Job Openings
- Job Fairs & Employer Recruitments
- Work-Readiness Workshops
- Resume & Interviewing Tips
- Assistance on Completing Applications



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- Counseling & Mentoring
- Computer Lab Access
- Typing Certificates
- GED Testing Lab & More....



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Beale Memorial Library • Second Floor

HOURS: Monday- Thursday 11 AM - 6 PM & Friday 10 AM - 5 PM



(661) 868-0820

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Dream Center

THE DREAM CENTER

- The Dream Center is an innovative resource center for current and former foster youth. Youth can receive assistance with education, employment, Cal-Fresh/Medi-cal and community resource needs. Youths can utilize Dream Center services up to the age of 24.
- All current and emancipated youth will find their ILP Workers, Keith Hollins, Andrea Martinez, Maria Escalante, Tamara Roberts and Monique Casas at the Dream Center. *We no longer have an ILP Worker located at 100 E. California Ave. (main DHS building), but a Worker-of-the Day will be assigned there Mondays through Fridays.*
- AB 12 Social Workers are also located at the Dream Center.
- **New Location:** 1801 19th Street in downtown Bakersfield phone number (661-636-4488)
- Like the Dream Center on Face book for news and information!
- The Dream Center is a Condom Access Site for Kern County and gives out free condoms. We want you to be safe and protected from Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) and unwanted pregnancies.
- Dream Center offers snack bags and treats when available. Snack bags will only be given out when the client is leaving the center. If the Dream Center has breakfast snacks, they will be given out daily between 8:00 AM – 4:30PM.
- Dream Center clothing closet offers work attire and everyday wear. Youth can only utilize the clothing closet once a month.
- *Now youth may wash and dry a load of clothing and/or take a shower onsite.*



Making things happen!

Inspire yourself! The Dream Center is here to help you to be successful at whatever you want to make happen.

- **Enrolled in school or want to enroll?** We can help with enrollment, tutoring, and other support. We also have new backpacks and school supplies. Feeling unsure about school? Come see us about FREE job training programs.
- **Want to get a job?** We can help with your resume, job leads, and paid work experience programs.
- **Want something to do and a way to meet new youth who are making things happen?** Attend Dream Center workshops and activities. Monthly calendars are available at the front desk or visit: <https://kern.org/kcnc/dream-center/>.
- **Turning 18, exiting AB 12 within 6 months, or homeless and need help with housing?** Come explore housing program options with us or see what donated household items we have.

Adulting can be challenging, ask for help! We're here to help to every step of the way. Call us at (661) 636-4488 or come by Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you soon.



UPCOMING EVENTS



August 2019

Mond ay	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Nurse 2 – 4 pm How to G.E.T 10:30pm	2 Youth Advisory Board 11 am (Lunch Provided)
5	6 Help w/ Resume - Drop in 1-4 pm DOR 2 pm	7 DRA 10 am LQBTQ Support Group 3:30	8 Help w/ Resume - Drop in 1-4 pm Job Interview Practice 2 pm Nurse 2 – 4 pm Lunch on us 12:30	9
12	13 Help w/ Resume - Drop in 1-4 pm	14 DRA 10 am Lunch On Us 12:00 Making Cents 1:30	15 Help w/ Resume - Drop in 1-4 pm Nurse 2 – 4 pm CYC Meeting 3 – 4:15 pm	16
19	20 Help w/ Resume - Drop in 1-4 pm DOR 2 pm	21 DRA 10 am Cook with us 1 pm	22 Help w/ Resume - Drop in 1-4 pm Nurse 2 – 4 pm CYC Meeting 3 – 4:15 pm	23 Money Management 2 pm (Lunch Provided)
26	27 Help w/ Resume - Drop in 1-4 pm	28 DRA 10 am Lunch On Us & Birthday Celebrations 12:30 pm	29 Help w/ Resume - Drop in 1-4 pm United Foster's Only 1 pm (Lunch and Gift Card provided for FULL PARTICIPATION) Nurse 2 – 4 pm	30 Renter Rights Info 10:30 am (Lunch Provided)

Events

If you have any questions please feel free to call the Dream Center @ 661.636.4488



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September 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
	Help w/ Resume - Drop in 1-4 pm	DRA 10 am Lunch On Us 12:00	Help w/ Resume - Drop in 1-4 pm Nurse 2 – 4 pm	Youth Advisory Board 11 am (Lunch Provided)
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