



**INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM
KERN COUNTY ILP NEWS LETTER
WINTER 2018**

**Dream Center, 1801 19th St.
Bakersfield, CA 93301
<http://www.kcdhs.org/ILP/>**

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)

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**ILP Contact List
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Community Resources

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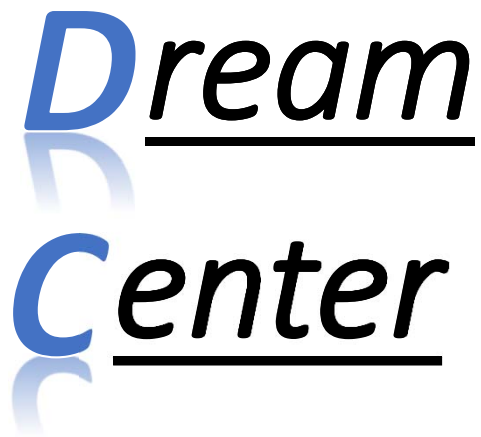


- Emancipated youth and AB 12 Youth may be eligible for Cal-Fresh (formerly Food Stamps). Stop by the Dream Center at 1801 19th Street and see Ashley Hollins to complete an application or visit www.C4Yourself.com to apply online.
- Call 211 if you are in need of household assistance such as housing, food, clothing, childcare or utility assistance.
- Drivers Training: We have 40 slots for driver's training for ILP youth. Contact your ILP Social Worker to make the request. First come first serve, until all of the slots are filled.

- **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.



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, Stacy Loyd, Andrea Martinez, Maria Escalante, and Tamara Roberts at the Dream Center and Francisco Martinez at OC Sills on E. California and Union Ave.
- 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.**

Dream Center Updates



You're Invited!

The Dream Center has a few extra special events planned in December and January, to celebrate the holidays and YOU! You're invited:

December 14, 2018 from 12:30 to 2:00 for a hot tri-tip lunch, decorate cookies, and make Christmas gifts.

December 21, 2018 from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. for a special meal to celebrate Christmas with us.

January 3, 2018 from 12:30 to 2:00 for **"New Year, New You!"** We'll have a hot meal and fun activities. Prizes will be given out to youth who fully participate.

Need hygiene or cleaning supplies, clothes, household items, help with jobs, housing or anything else?? **Come to the Dream Center!**

We are located at 1801 19th Street (corner of G and 19th Streets), or call us at (661) 636-4488 Monday through Friday, 8:00 to 4:30.

To keep up with Dream Center happenings like us on Facebook. We post activities and events each week.

Dream Center Updates cont.



Kern County Network for Children The Dream Center

Wish List

Donations of new or gently used items make meaningful differences for Kern's current and former foster youth.

About the Dream Center

Named by the founding foster youth who helped design services, we assist current and former foster youth up to age 25 with successful transitioning to adulthood. More than 700 youth receive Dream Center services each year.

Dream Center Services

- Counseling
- Assistance accessing and completing educational and vocational programs
- Assistance with building life skills
- Assistance with CalFresh and MediCal
- Assistance with employment
- Resource Information and referral
- Shower and laundry facilities for homeless youth
- Social events that help youth develop social connections
- Support and advocacy

On-Site Resources

- Emergency hygiene, clothing, shoes, food, baby care items and household items made possible through donations
- Internet access
- Computer lab
- Photocopier and fax
- Telephone to make calls
- Resource library
- Bus passes for job interviews, medical and housing appointments made possible by donations
- Clothing for job interviews

Clothing Supplies

- Socks (all adult sizes)
- T-shirts (sizes M, L, XL)
- Pajamas/sleepwear (all sizes)
- Young women's underwear (all sizes)
- Men's belts
- Men's boxers (all sizes)
- Sweat shirts (all sizes) (white, grey, black)
- Sweat pants (all sizes) (white, grey, black)
- Men's and women's clothing (all sizes - casual and dress)
- Shoes

Hygiene Supplies

- Individual shampoos, soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Deodorant (non-aerosol)
- Combs/hair brushes
- Personal care items for women

Food Items

- Individually wrapped snacks (granola bars, fruit snacks, trail mix)
- Bottled beverages and reusable water bottle containers
- Emergency food items (soups, tuna, peanut butter, cereal, etc.)

Infants & Toddlers

- Clothes (Infant to 4T)
- Diapers & wipes
- Blankets
- Baby items of all types
- High chairs, bouncers, swings, etc.
- Baby food and formula
- Books and toys

Furnishings and Supplies for Newly Housed Youth

- Small laundry baskets
- Small trash cans
- Towels and wash clothes
- Twin sheets & blankets
- Pillows & pillow cases
- Dishes, pots and pans, utensils, small appliances (toaster, microwave, vacuum, etc.)

Help for Homeless Youth

- Daily bus passes for housing and medical appointments
- Sleeping bag

Recreation & Activity

- DVD movies
- Board games
- Books/teen movies
- Arts and crafts supplies
- Coloring books
- Crayons
- Teen magazines
- Footballs, softballs, basketballs, billiard sets, Frisbees

School Supplies

- Backpacks
- Ruled paper/notebooks
- Binders
- Pencils/pens
- Stationary

Transportation

- Skateboards
- Bikes

Your Monetary Donation Provides Dream Center Youth With

- Emergency food
- Rental deposit assistance
- Used refrigerator or stove for first apartment
- Ingredients for cooking classes
- Lunch and cake for monthly birthday celebrations
- Food items for snack bags

The Dream Center

1801 19th Street
Bakersfield, CA 93301
661-636.4488
kcnc.org

 @dreamcenterkerncounty

Office hours:
8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Monday - Friday
Excluding holidays

All donations to the Kern County Network for Children's Dream Center are deductible for income tax purposes to the extent allowed by law.

Who's Who at the Dream Center

Sara Espinoza



Bryanna Woods



**Clerk Typist I
Foster Youth Services (FYS)**

**Foster Youth Specialist
Kern County Network for Children (KCNC)**

Rolando Hernandez



**Prevention Services
Facilitator Foster Youth Services (FYS)**

Who's Who at the Dream Center

Andrea Martinez



**Social Services Worker III
Independent Living Program
(ILP) Unit**

Maria Escalante



**Social Services Worker III
Independent Living Program
(ILP) Unit**

Katherine Santana



**Social Services Worker II
Extended Foster Care/AB 12 Unit**

Bakersfield College

EOP&S



Bakersfield College Extended Opportunity Programs and Services

EOP&S is a state funded program that serves educationally and financially disadvantaged students. EOP&S provides services that assist students who have the potential to succeed in college.



Eligibility Requirement for EOP&S:

- ◆ Must have FAFSA application completed to determine eligibility requirements
- ◆ Qualify to receive the Board of Governors Enrollment Fee Waiver "B" (BOGW)
- ◆ Not have an AA/BA Degree or more than 40 Degree Applicable units completed
- ◆ Be Educationally Disadvantaged as determined by EOP&S Guidelines
- ◆ Enrolled 12units (full time) at Bakersfield College
- ◆ Complete an EOP&S Application and attend Mandatory EOP&S Orientation
- ◆ Be a California Resident- AB 540/CA Dreamers are welcome to apply

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We Provide our Students with the Following Services:

- ◆ **Priority registration:** First to register before other students on campus
- ◆ **Counseling :** Counselors will meet with you every semester for advising
- ◆ **Book Vouchers:** As funding permits, up to \$350 towards books
- ◆ **Grants:** As funding permits, we can help with additional grant money
- ◆ **Tutoring:** Obtain extra tutoring session per week per class
- ◆ **Student Educational Planning:** Develop a student plan to succeed
- ◆ **University Campus Visits:** Attend university campus tours
- ◆ **Caps & Gowns:** FREE cap & gown for EOPS graduates
- ◆ **And many more services!**

Life takes on
meaning when you
become motivated,
set goals and charge
after them in an
unstoppable manner
~ Les Brown

Application may be downloaded at:
www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/student/eops

To Apply: Submit application to the EOPS Program
Located: Student Services Bld, 2nd Floor
(Across from Financial Aid Office)



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Cooperative Agencies and Resources for Education

The C.A.R.E. Program promotes students' success by offering specialized services to fulltime students who are single parents receiving public assistance (CalWORKs/TANF).



Eligibility Requirements for CARE:

- ◆ Recipient of CalWORKs/TANF public assistance benefits
- ◆ Enrolled fulltime (12units) at BC
- ◆ Must be a single parent and head of household
- ◆ Student must be at least 18 years of age and qualify for financial aid
- ◆ Have at least one child 14 years of age or younger
- ◆ Complete an EOP&S Application and attend a Mandatory CARE Orientation
- ◆ Be a California Resident- AB 540/CA Dreamers are welcome to apply

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- ◆ **Priority registration:** First to register before other students on campus
- ◆ **Book Vouchers:** As funding permits and when not granted through the county
- ◆ **Bus Passes and/or Gas Card-** must meet qualifications
- ◆ **Child Care Grants:** As funding permits, additional grant funding
- ◆ **Tutoring:** Obtain extra tutoring session per week per class
- ◆ **Student Educational Planning:** Develop a student plan to succeed
- ◆ **University Campus Visits:** Attend university campus tours
- ◆ **Caps & Gowns:** FREE cap & gown for CARE graduates

Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it.

~ Michael Jordan

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Bakersfield College Online Enrollment Steps

Step 1

Apply to Bakersfield College Online at www.bakersfieldcollege.edu .

Step 2

Attend Orientation

The Orientation formally introduces you to BC and prepares you for success. Register online for the in-person Orientation, or complete the Orientation online.

Step 3

Take the Placement Test

The Placement Testing process places you into English, Reading, and Math classes. These classes are the foundation for all other classes here at BC. Take the Placement Test at Testing and Placement Center anytime during their business hours with your photo ID and your BC ID or SSN. Practice tests are available online.

Step 4

Develop an Education Plan

Attend the New Student Workshop in person to develop your Abbreviated Student Education Plan with a Counselor. If you choose to complete the New Student Workshop online, you will need to contact the Counseling department at 661-395-4421 to schedule an individual appointment to develop your Education Plan.

Concurrent Enrollment

High school student wishing to enroll while still attending high school must submit a Concurrent Enrollment Form. Read more about this additional step at High School Concurrent Enrollment.

Veterans

An Abbreviated Student Education Plan does not satisfy VA requirements. While you will need to complete the New Student Workshop, you will also need to meet with the Veterans Advisor to complete a Comprehensive Educational Plan. See the Veterans Enrollment Steps for more details on the extra steps for veterans.

Step 5

Register for Classes

Instructions for registering for classes are available online. If you are still unsure about the classes you should register for, please meet with a counselor or educational advisor in the Counseling department (CSS Building, 1st Floor).

International Students

There are many steps in addition to these for International Students. Please read about Admission Criteria and Enrollment Steps for International Students.

Upcoming ILP Events

DECEMBER 2018

- ❖ **Health/Sex Education & CSEC Workshop (two groups-girls and boys- ages 14-20)**
Date: December 12th
Time: 4:00pm – 6:00pm
Location: Career Resource Department Room 101,
2727 F St. Bakersfield, CA 93301

JANUARY 2019

- ❖ **Tier I/Tier II Life Skills Classes Orientation- 3rd Session**
Date: January 8, 2019
Time: 5:00pm – 6:00pm
Location: Career Resource Department, 2727 F St. Bakersfield, CA 93301
*Class begins on January 14, 2019 and ends May 3, 2019
- ❖ **Financial Aid Workshop**
Date: January 16, 2019
Time: 4:00pm – 6:00pm
Location: Bakersfield College Student Services Building

FEBRUARY 2019

- ❖ **Tier I/Tier II continues January 14, 2018 – May 3, 2019 at the Career Resource Department, 2727 F St. from 5:00pm – 6:30pm. As a reminder, there is a possibility for youth that complete the Tier 1 classes for paid volunteer services and a paid work experience after completing the Tier 2 classes.**