



WINTER 2023

# ILP NEWSLETTER

VOLUME III



Congratulations to the Independent Living Program for your recognition by the Board of Supervisors for ILP efforts to support foster youth with FAFSA completion.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR !

### TAY Holiday Party 12/19



### DMV Event 12/13



### Upcoming ABC's of ILP:

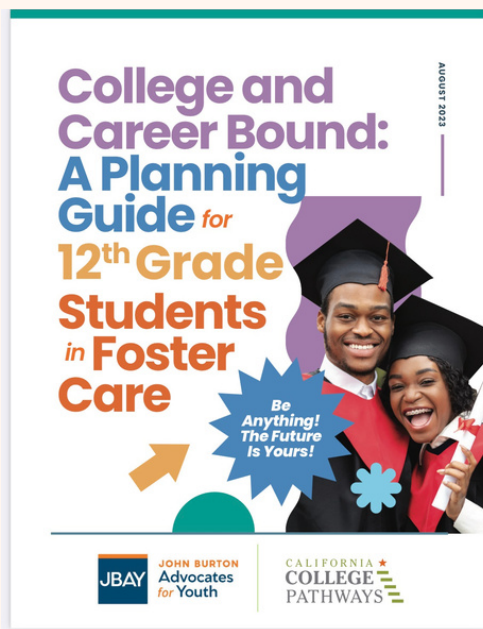
- **Dec. 14th:** Auto Insurance & Behind the Wheel Training
- **Jan 11th:** ILP Eligibility, Kin-GAP Funding, RFF Overview
- **Feb 8th:** Celebration I & II

### FAFSA - New December Date!

The redesigned FAFSA is expected to launch in December 2023 for the 2024-2025 academic school year

**March 31st '24: Senior Expense NEW deadline.**

## SETTING UP OUR FOSTER YOUTH FOR SUCCESS !!!



Download the  
JBAY Planning  
Guide Here



## CHECKLIST: CONVERSATION

### STARTERS FOR YOUR HIGH SCHOOL

#### SENIOR ON YOUR CASELOAD:

(Conversation should be ongoing)

1. What is your plan after high school?
2. Do you have your CA ID, Birth Certificate and Social Security Card?
3. Are you meeting with your high school counselor to make sure you are on track to graduate?
4. (Follow-up with an email to youth's counselor)

How to prepare  
for FAFSA

**TO DO LIST**

**Step I:** Complete FSA ID (Video Link Below)

[Click Here for FSA ID](#)

**Step II:** Use an email that the youth will check on a regular basis.

**Step III:** Ensure that the youth has their Social Security number and their FSA ID matches their name on their SSN Card.

## ILP FOSTER YOUTH SOAR!

April Ramirez DCFS Vermont Corridor Office

April Ramirez is currently a sophomore at Cal State Fullerton. She is majoring in Kinesiology. During the 2nd semester of April's freshman year, she received a full scholarship from the Cal State Fullerton's Guardian Scholars Program covering all 4 years. The Guardian Scholars assisted with parking permit, meal plan, Apple Mac Book and dorm supplies. April is currently on the Softball Team at Cal State Fullerton.

**Words of Encouragement:** Create a network of support, such as ILP and Guardian Scholars, to help further your education.



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## YDSD ILP RESOURCES AND SERVICES

## Housing Resources

Supportive Housing Division (SHD)  
[DCFS.Housing@dcfs.lacounty.gov](mailto:DCFS.Housing@dcfs.lacounty.gov)



SHD has housing resources that are geared towards TAY and families with becoming self-sufficient.

Open Cases & Exiting Youth: THPP-NMD, Bridge Housing, TLS

Closed Cases (ages 18-25; 18-20): THP Plus, ILP THP

Open Cases with Children: Bringing Families Home (BFH)

Section 8 Public Housing: Vouchers

## Employment Opportunities for Youth

Ages 14 - 24

- Bridge to Work
- ILP Universal Job Application
- Internship
- Student Worker Program
- Career Development Intern Program

Please email: [ILP.jobs@dcfs.lacounty.gov](mailto:ILP.jobs@dcfs.lacounty.gov) or go to the Career tab at [www.ilponline.org](http://www.ilponline.org)

## Vital Documents

## Important Key Documents for Youth

**Birth Certificate** - Required to get a CA REAL ID, social security card, and to prove their identity.

**Social Security Card** - A Social Security Card is needed to obtain a job and other services. It should be kept in safe place.

**California REAL ID\*** - Issued at any age. The ID card is needed to prove identity. Ask for the Reduced Fee Waiver form.

By **May 7th, 2025**, a CA REAL ID will be needed to board domestic flights and enter federal buildings.

**\*To apply for a REAL ID, you will need:**

- Proof of ID (original birth certificate)
- Proof of Residency (bill, bank statement, school records)
- Agency-Group Home Agreement, Placement-Agency Foster Family Agreement, Foster-Parent Agreement
- Social Security Card

ILP has partnered with the Torrance DMV to assist youth with obtaining their CA REAL ID. The next event is on **December 13th, 2024**

## Senior Expenses

## \$800 for ILP Eligible Youth for their Senior Expenses

Senior Expenses must include the following documents in order to request ILP Funding:

- ILP REQUEST LETTER SIGNED BY YOUTH.
- CURRENT TILP SIGNED BY YOUTH, CSW AND CAREGIVER.
- SENIOR EXPENSE APPLICATION- SCHOOL COUNSELOR SHOULD COMPLETE AND SIGN THE FORM WITH THE SCHOOL SEAL OR STAMP.
- UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT

**NEW!** All Applications for Senior Expenses are Due March 31st 2024

## Assessing Suicide Risk: Initial Tips for Counselors



## Upcoming College Tours

**Dec 7th** - Pepperdine University *In Person*



CSU Dominguez Hills



CSU Long Beach

## Outstanding Social Work Award!

## Lancaster ILP Community Worker, Bobbie Ewell

Bobbie Ewell is a 25-year veteran with the ILP Program. As a Community Health Worker and former foster youth, she is able to relate to the challenges and struggles of the youth we serve. She has expressed a sense of joy and gratitude knowing that she is helping others as she was once in their shoes. Bobbie's work and connections in the Antelope Valley attributes to her ability to raise over \$100,000 in annual donations, gifts and community support for youth programs and events in the area. Outstanding Social Work indeed!

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