

Fact Sheet

Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services Independent Living Program Transitional Housing Program

What is Independent Living Program Transitional Housing Program (ILP-THP)

The Independent Living Program Transitional Housing Program (ILP-THP) will provide a safe and supportive 24-hour residence for youths who have emancipated (closed DCFS/ Probation case) from Foster Care or Probation and who are ILP eligible. The capacity of this program is 95 beds, 29 are specific for young people with mental health diagnosis (previously Axis I disorders). There is no cost to the youth for this program.

GOALS

- The program provides a safe living environment while helping youth to develop life skills for successful independent living.
- It supports youth by providing stable housing and services such as education assistance, counseling, employment support and training, and case management.

TARGET POPULATION

- DCFS & Probation youth between the ages of 18 to 21st birthday
- Independent Living Program (ILP) eligible youth
- Youth that can work or attend school/training
- Youth that are homeless or at risk of being homeless

LENGTH OF PROGRAM

- Youth may stay in transitional housing for up to thirty-six (36) months or to their 21st birthday, whichever comes first.

HOUSING

The youth will be provided with a shared apartment with a private bedroom.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Former foster youth and probation youth are provided the following services: Case management, 24-hour residential supervision, crisis intervention, security, meals, restrooms and showers. Youth will be required to have weekly or bi-weekly contact with their case manager.

TRAINING

The goal of the independent living skills training is to assist the youth to become self-sufficient and independent. Youth participation is required in independent living skills training course to include, but not limited to: Employment and education support, budget planning, meal planning and basic living skills.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Youth can apply to the transitional housing programs simply by completing the transitional housing and the ILP Verification Form and submitting them to the Supportive Housing Division. Youth must follow up with the housing providers directly for vacancies and continue to follow-up regularly. All youth will be screened and interviewed by housing providers prior to acceptance into the program.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information, please contact the following Supportive Housing Division staff:

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