



ILP NEWSLETTER



How ILP Gives Our Youth the Superpowers of Self-Sufficiency and Independence!



UPCOMING EVENTS

ABC's of ILP :

- **February 13, 2025 :**
 - Walt Disney Concert Hall Scholarship Extravaganza
- **March 13, 2025 :**
 - Vital Documents
- **April 17, 2025:**
 - Housing 101
- **May 8, 2025:**
 - College Move In, Interpreting Financial Aid Award Letter

[Click here to Join!](#)

2024 ILP Inaugural College Fair



On 10/12/24, the ILP Inaugural College Fair was held, featuring over **22 schools** including: Community Colleges, State Colleges, Private Schools and HBCU's showcasing their programs. Caregivers took part in a workshop designed to provide them with the tools to effectively support their Transition-Aged Youth (TAY) with Post Secondary Education. Meanwhile, youth engaged in workshops and began their FAFSA applications. ILP is excited to announce that this event will take place annually.

Be on the lookout for the 2025 date!!

2024-2025 ILP College Tours



"Visiting a college campus allows our youth to dream bigger, to see the beauty of a college campus and feel the energy. They have the opportunity to learn how ILP and the on-campus Guardian Scholars programs can provide financial, academic and emotional support as well as community. They get to meet and hear from other foster youth who are attending that school and see how they are succeeding. It hopefully inspires them to continue their education after high school."

Jill Franklin-ILP Program Manager/CSA II

ILP/LACOE FAFSA

Workshop Dates:

- 2/07/2025
- 2/11/2025
- 3/18/2025

Contact your ILP Team for more information.

FAFSA DEADLINE IS APPROACHING! HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Step I:** Complete FSA ID ([Video Link Here](#))
- 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.

Assist your youth open their CalKids account and claim their free money for college!!**
[CalKids.org - Click here!](#)

Upcoming ILP College Tours:

LA Trade Tech, Job Corps and the San Fernando Valley Mega Tour (Valley, Mission and Pierce Colleges)

SCAN ME for more info



2025 Wateridge/Hawthorne Teen Club "Scholarship Workshop"

"At the lovely Biddy Mason Charitable Foundation, we organized a fun joint Scholarship Workshop for our December Teen Club. More than 14 young people, their caregivers and social workers joined and the atmosphere was truly amazing. Your support made this event a valuable experience"

Dr. Colette Street-ILP CSW



2024 SANTA FE SPRINGS, BELVEDERE, EL MONTE, AND CARSON INDEPENDENT CITY

On 10/19/24, the four offices collaborated with LACOE, NEXT UP, and Whittier Area Community Church to present Independent City, 2025. Young participants engaged in a variety of workshops, covering topics such as FAFSA, CHAFEE, career exploration, financial literacy, senior year preparation, resume writing, interview tips, and youth wellness.

One youth shared, "It's overwhelming and it makes me nervous to start discussing this stuff. But it also makes me feel better and more prepared. I really enjoyed this event."





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Senior Expenses Application Process What is needed?

ATTENTION BOTH APPLICATIONS
DUE 3/31/2025

Walt Disney Concert Hall Scholarship Extravaganza and ILP Foster Youth Graduation Ceremony Application Process What is needed?

Submit your completed ILP packets to your ILP team:

Senior packets include:

- **ILP Request Letter signed by youth.**
- **Current TILP (01/23) signed by youth, caregiver, CSW & SCSW.**
- **Senior Expense Application- School counselor should complete and sign the form with the school seal or stamp.**
- **Unofficial Transcript**



WALT DISNEY CONCERT HALL SCHOLARSHIP EXTRAVAGANZA

- Application
- 2.8 GPA or higher in A-G requirements (weighted)
- Enrolled into to a Community College or University for Fall 2025 as a full time student *proof of enrollment is required to receive scholarship
- Personal Statement/Essay
- Unofficial transcript

Working with the High School Senior on your caseload

Conversations should go something like this...

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



YDS-ILP TEEN CLUBS

Are back reach out to your ILP Team to find one near you!

REAL ID DEADLINE 5/7/25 - MORE LOCATIONS COMING SOON!



To apply for a real ID you will need the following:

- 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 or the number



WHAT ARE VITAL DOCS?

- 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 identify. Ask your ILPC for the Reduced Fee Waiver form.

HOUSING RESOURCES FROM SUPPORTIVE HOUSING DIVISION

- SHD has housing resources to support TAY becoming independent.
- 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)
- More questions?! Contact them at DCFS.Housing@dcfs.lacounty.gov

TAY FATHER EMPOWERMENT GROUP



The group has started convening on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. After five successful meetings, a sense of camaraderie has developed among the members, with discussions revolving around becoming new fathers and selecting healthy partners. Please refer any young fathers from your caseload to join.

Refer by emailing the youth's name, DOB & contact information to ILP Coordinators :John Luna & Rene Orozco

LA COUNTY ILP FOSTER YOUTH GRADUATION CEREMONY

- Application
- Unofficial Transcript
- Minimum 2.0 GPA (weighted) in A-G requirements (If applying for Scholarship)
- Enrolled into a Vocational Program, Community College or University for Fall 2025 as a full time student (If applying for scholarship) *proof of enrollment is required to receive scholarship
- Personal Statement/Essay (If applying for scholarship)



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH AGES 14-21

Bridge to Work
ILP Universal Job Application Internship Student Worker
Career Development Intern
More questions?!

Contact them @ILP.jobs@dcfs.lacounty.gov

\$1,117 Tax Credit for Current & Former Foster Youth



FREE filing support available. Scan or [click](#) to learn more.

<https://jbay.org/resources/fytc/>