Independent Living Program

The DHS Independent Living Program (ILP) assists youth who are or were in foster care to become independent adults.

The program gives an opportunity for youth to learn valuable skills necessary to make a successful transition from state and Tribal custody to living on their own in the community.

Youth age 14 or older may be eligible for a variety of programs through the Independent Living Program, including:

- **Independent Living Skill Building Program** – Provides training and classes to prepare youth to live independently.
- **ILP Discretionary Funds**
- **Chafee Education and Training Grant Program (ETG)** – Can provide funds to assist youth with post-secondary education or training.
- **Independent Living Housing Subsidy Program and Chafee Housing Program** – Can provide funds to assist youths with room and board expenses, if they qualify.

Tasks / Assignments:

- Ask your supervisor to help you set an appointment with your Independent Living Program specialist in your office.
- Find out who the local ILP provider is in your community and make an appointment to learn about the services they offer the teens in your community.
- Find out the age requirements for the various services Oregon has to offer for teens.
- Review the ILP Eligibility and Services website ([http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/children/foster-care/pages/ind_living/eligibility.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/children/foster-care/pages/ind_living/eligibility.aspx)), as well as your caseload to determine if any of the youth on your caseload are eligible for ILP services.
- Attend the ILP NetLink if possible. Go to [https://dhslearn.hr.state.or.us](https://dhslearn.hr.state.or.us) to check availability and register for course number C02929.

Discoveries:

- How are referrals made?
- Are there any youth on your caseload that are eligible and should be referred for ILP services?
- Is there a waiting list in your community for services?