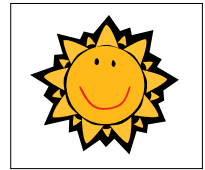


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# Update



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## **A NEW HOME FOR THE INDEPENDENT LIVING PROJECT**

Some time this summer the Independent Living Project will relocate to Carlisle, Pennsylvania as the PA. Child Welfare Competency Based Training Program is transitioned to the University of Pittsburgh as the new grantee university. There will be a transitional period for the Project during which time the project staff may be difficult to reach. Additional contact information will be provided as it becomes available. Should you require immediate assistance please contact Dave Derbes at 717-705-2911.

## **2001 IL PROJECT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS MAILED**

The 2001 IL Scholarships have been mailed out with a return date of July 27, 2001. Applications are to be returned to Dave Derbes, State IL Grant Coordinator in Harrisburg. If you are aware of an eligible youth that did not receive a copy of the application, contact Lenore at 717-477-1798 for additional information. Applicants must be under the age of 21 as of September 30, 2001. Scholarship recipients will be notified no later than August 31, 2001.

## **FINALIZATION OF 2000-01' IL FUNDING**

The grant award letters for the 2000-2001 IL Applications are in the process of being distributed. While several programs have been notified of the status of their applications, some needed to provide additional information. Several counties that requested increases remain in process. If you have any questions or concerns about your application, please feel free to contact Dave Derbes at 717-705-2911.

## **ESSAY CONTEST**

Foster Club is looking for youth to enter an essay contest. The topic of the essay is "Your Voice in Foster Care". The essay should address the youth's view on the receptivity of others to their feelings, desires, and opinions while in care. The grand prize is \$50! Please get your youth involved today! If you have any questions, please go to [www.fosterclub.com](http://www.fosterclub.com) or call 503-397-7783. All essays must be received by **July 30, 2001**

## **EDUCATIONAL TRAINING VOUCHERS**

President George W. Bush's 2002 proposed budget calls for \$60 million for education and training vouchers through Chafee for youth who age out of foster care. Each voucher, worth up to \$5,000, can be used for vocational pursuits or college education. The proposal maintains Chafee's present funding level of \$140 million. Additionally, Bush's proposal includes \$2million to expand state and federal collaborative efforts to monitor child welfare systems, making the adoption tax credit permanent, and increasing the tax credit from \$5,000 to \$7,500; \$33 million to create maternity group homes for teen mothers and their children, and a \$200 million increase in the Promoting Safe and Stable Families program.

## **NEW IL TRAINING CURRICULUM**

The United States Department of Health and Human Services Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), Children's Bureau, has funded twelve three year projects for the training of child welfare practitioners to work effectively with youth transitioning out of foster care through the Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (CFCIP). Grantees met in Washington in March to discuss plans for curriculum development. The twelve grantees are: The Research Foundation of SUNY, NY, Fordham, Boston, San Francisco State, San Diego State and Eastern Michigan Universities and the Universities of Southern Main, South Carolina, Oklahoma, North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Kansas and Denver. Additional information may be obtained at [www.youthlifeskills.nrcys.ou.edu](http://www.youthlifeskills.nrcys.ou.edu).

## **PACWIS TRAINING**

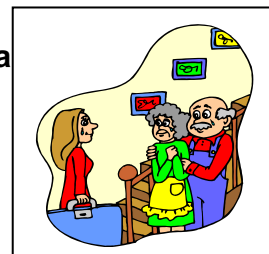
The July, August, September PACWIS Training calendar has been mailed. The Central Management Organization is coordinating PACWIS Training. Please contact Rhonda Gladfelter, PACWIS Coordinator at 717.477.1544 to register for any of the PACWIS Trainings or for a copy of the Training Calendar.

## **ON-LINE FOSTER PARENT TRAINING**

Through a mini-grant from the North American Council on Adopted Children (NACAC), eleven online courses are now available for foster parents (totaling 32 credits). For additional information go to [www.fosterparents.com/training.htm](http://www.fosterparents.com/training.htm).

### **Every year more than 25,000 kids age-out of foster care Ever wonder what happens to them?**

- ❖ Just 50% will have graduated high school
- ❖ Only 13% of those will go on to college or vocational training
- ❖ 52% will be unemployed
- ❖ 25% will be homeless for one or more nights
- ❖ 60% of the young women will become pregnant



Taken from the Orphan Foundation of America website ([www.orphan.org](http://www.orphan.org))

**Read about these famous people who were foster kids:** Charlotte Ayanna, Miss Teen USA and Actress; Tom Monaghan, founder of Domino's Pizza; Eddie Murphy, Movie Star & Comedian; Victoria Rowell, Actress; Duante Culpepper, NFL Football Player; Tommy Davidson, Comedian & Actor; Ice T, Musician, Actor & Movie Director; and many, many more at [www.fosterclub.com/funstuff/famous/ind.html](http://www.fosterclub.com/funstuff/famous/ind.html)

**Have you visited the PHEAMentor website or utilized any of the services they offer?** If you have we are looking for you. Any recipients of the IL Update who have had experience with PHEAMentor please contact the ILP at 717-477-1798 or send an e-mail to [ldmoto@wharf.ship.edu](mailto:ldmoto@wharf.ship.edu) and share your experience(s) and/or how beneficial you found the program to be.

**CORRECTION:** Last months edition of the Update stated the IL youth retreat at Shippensburg University would be June 30 – August 3, 2001. The actual dates are July 30 – August 3, 2001. The Project apologizes for any confusion.

Effective June 4, 2001, the e-mail address for Dave Derbes, IL State Grant Coordinator became [dderbes@state.pa.us](mailto:dderbes@state.pa.us)

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