



**Riverside Community College District
Workforce Preparation Department**

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Independent Living Program (ILP)

FACT SHEET

Overview

Funded through the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) since July 2005, the Independent Living Program (ILP) at RCC provides an array of support services to current and former foster youth ages 16-21 living throughout Riverside County.

Program Services

The Workforce Preparation Department's ILP at Riverside Community College provides training, advocacy, mentoring and support services to aid all foster youth at developing competencies in areas such as Education, Career Development, Health and Safety, Daily Living and Financial Resources. The overall purpose is to provide services which aid in improving the lives of current and former foster care youth. Our goal is to enhance the likelihood for improved self-sufficiency and personal capability of current and former foster youth as they transition from the "system" to independence.

Some of the many resources and services available include:

- Daily living skills development
- Assistance in completing and obtaining a high school diploma/GED
- Understanding the pathway to the community college and 4-year universities
- Aiding youth in career exploration, work readiness, employment development and vocational training
- Assistance with obtaining apprenticeship opportunities, internships and job placement;
- Support and training on issues that promote health, and safety such as substance abuse prevention, smoking cessation, pregnancy prevention, and nutrition education;
- Training in financial management and budgeting, household management, daily survival skills, as well as help at obtaining vital records
- Emergency housing assistance, training on how to rent an apartment, financial rental support and referrals about transitional housing programs

The Emancipation Coaches

Each youth referred by DPSS is assigned to an Emancipation Coach (EC) who serves as advocate, confidant, and significant adult role model. The EC mentors the youth, helping them to successfully prepare for independence.

For more information about ILP at RCC call (951) 222-8445 or e-mail us at ILP@rcc.edu.