

Look to Your Future!

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Independent Living Program

Riverside Community College District

Life in the “iCity”

On Thursday, August 4, exhibitors, youth, care providers, and staff gathered at Riverside City College to participate in the first ever “Independent City” (iCity). Independent City sought to teach youth valuable life skills in the context of a fully working, mock city. Each youth was given a budget and checkbook and was



released into iCity to start their “independent” day. Youth could buy food, pay their utilities, shop for furniture, open a bank account, and make many other choices. Some of the participants even received notices to appear at court for violations such as texting while driving or loitering, and were required to pay the requisite fines. Caregivers toured the iCity, and then participated in their own workshops to learn about services available to emancipating foster youth. At the end of the day, youth and staff gathered to discuss how successful participants were at staying within their budget. Participants were also entered into a raffle for great prizes. In all, 163 foster youth, 62 caregivers, 184 exhibitors, and at least 80 staff members worked together to make a memorable day for all involved.



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Want a Free Computer?

Riverside Office of Education, Foster Youth Services, sponsors college bound Computer Camps. The camps include 20 hours of instruction on time management, goal setting, financial literacy, Microsoft Office programs, and other topics that assist students with their goals and prepare them for the future. Once you complete the camp you will receive a desktop computer donated by SmartRiverside, along with other essential tools and resources. So if you meet the following qualifications, contact your emancipation coach, ILP social worker, or RCOE @ (951) 826-4700 to be nominated as a candidate for computer camp. Don't wait, as classes fill up quickly.

Students MUST meet all the following qualifications to be eligible:

- Provide a written statement regarding educational and career goals (minimum 250 words).
- Passed both sections (English-Language Arts and Math) of the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE), and provide evidence of passage.
- Be a college bound high school senior or currently enrolled in college/vocational school.
- Have a written referral from an emancipation coach, social worker, or educator.
- Be a foster youth residing in Riverside County.

Dates: October 7-9, 2011 January 20-22, 2012 March 16-18, 2012 May 18-20, 2012

Welcome to College!

If you are planning on attending Riverside City College, Moreno Valley College or Norco College, please be aware that there is now an application deadline in place. Here are the application dates for each college:

Moreno Valley

Term	Application Dates
Winter 2012	October 1- December 19, 2011
Spring 2012	October 1, 2011- January 29, 2012

Riverside

Term	Application Dates
Winter 2012	October 1- December 17, 2011
Spring 2012	October 1, 2011- January 29, 2012

Norco

Term	Application Dates
Winter 2012	October 1- December 17, 2011
Spring 2012	October 1, 2011- January 29, 2012

New college students must complete the Assessment, Orientation, and Counseling. To complete your assessment test, you can log onto www.rccd.edu, pick what college you would like to attend, look up "Assessment dates and hours," and attend one of the walk-in dates. The walk-in schedule fills up very fast, so to make things easier you may use the online appointment center to get an appointment to complete your assessment test. If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to ask an emancipation coach for help. If you do not have a phone number for an emancipation coach, please call the ILP RCC main line at (951) 222-8198.

Don't Forget Your GO PASS!

If you are enrolled at Moreno Valley College, Riverside City College or Norco College and have paid your fees for the semester, then you are eligible for the GO PASS to ride the RTA bus. All you need is your college ID and you are set to ride the bus anywhere RTA goes for FREE!



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Dial 2-1-1 or 1-800-464-1123 from any phone to get the service you need.

BIRTH CONTROL/PREGNANCY

Planned Parenthood 1-800-230-7526
 Teen Health Hotline 1-800-794-4814
 STD Control (951) 358-6009

ALCOHOL & DRUG INFO

Alateen (24hrs) 1-800-356-9996
 Alcoholic's Anonymous (909) 825-4700
 Substance Abuse Info 1-800-662-4357
 National Clearing House 1-800-729-6686

EMPLOYMENT/VOLUNTEER

Planet Youth (951) 765-6955
 Volunteer Center (951) 686-4402

COUNSELING

Family Service Association (951) 686-3706
 Gay & Lesbian Hotline 1-888-843-4564
 Youth Crisis Line (24hrs) 1-800-843-5200
 Youth Service Center (951) 683-5193
 Domestic Violence (24hrs) 1-800-339-7233

SHELTER

Operation Safehouse (teens) 1-800-561-6914
 Mary's Shelter (pregnant teen) 1-714-730-0930
 Path of Life (general) (951) 683-4101

SUICIDE INTERVENTION

HELPLine (24 hrs) (951) 686-4357



Spotlight on: Mentorship

In the Fall 2011 semester, Riverside City College began offering a peer mentor program to new students who have emancipated from foster care. Through federal work study, the Independent Living Program hired four mentors who have successfully completed at least one semester of college coursework and are motivated to assist former foster youth new to RCC. All four of the mentors have emancipated from foster care and have learned how to navigate the matriculation process at college. Mentors will provide students with information about assessment testing, orientation, counseling, and where to go on campus to access vital support services, including tutoring and priority registration. If you have additional questions about this program, please contact Chris Dech, at (951) 328-3821, or by email to christopher.dech@rcc.edu.



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College Priority Enrollment for Foster Youth

On October 4, Assembly Bill 194 was signed by California Governor Jerry Brown. This bill grants priority enrollment to current and former foster youth attending community colleges or California State Universities. With the increase in students seeking to further their education, priority enrollment becomes a tremendous help to those trying to enroll in classes they need in order to meet their degree, transfer, or certificate goals here at Riverside Community College District. Stay tuned for more information about how this new law will be implemented at a college near you!



PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Since 1963, Planned Parenthood of San Diego and Riverside counties has been providing confidential, comprehensive, high-quality medical services to the communities of San Diego and Riverside. PPSDRC prides itself on offering the highest standard of care possible at each of their 19 clinics. Their caring, professional staff provides a full range of reproductive healthcare services in clean, comfortable settings.

In addition to their renowned healthcare services, PPSDRC also provides the most comprehensive education and advocacy programs available anywhere. You can count on Planned Parenthood of San Diego & Riverside Counties to provide you with accurate, up-to-date sexuality education while keeping you informed of the health and political issues that affect you the most.

To learn more about the programs and services offered, call 1-888-743-PLAN (7526) to get in touch with the clinic nearest you. You can also visit their website at www.plannedparenthood.org/san-diego-riverside/index.htm to obtain more information.



**College is possible.
ILP is here to help.**

The Riverside Community College District complies with all federal and state rules and regulations and does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, religion, gender, disability, medical condition, marital status, age or sexual orientation. This holds true for all students who are interested in participating in educational programs, including career and technical education programs, and/or extracurricular school activities. Limited English speaking skills will not be a barrier to admission or participation in any program. Harassment of any employee/student with regard to race, religion, gender, disability, medical condition, marital status, age or sexual orientation is strictly prohibited. Inquiries regarding compliance and/or grievance procedures may be directed to the District's EEO Officer/Title IX Officer/Section 504/ADA Coordinator, Ms. Chani Beeman, 3845 Market St., Riverside, CA 92506, (951) 222-8039. *Available in alternate formats.*

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Lovekin Complex, Room E2
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Riverside, CA 92506

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Humanities 233B
16130 Lasselle Street
Moreno Valley, CA 92551

Mt. San Jacinto College
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For Your Information . . .

Have you ever wondered what the Independent Living Program is, exactly? Heard about the possibility of earning a free computer, or receiving money for graduating from high school? For the answer to these questions and more, be sure to attend an upcoming Independent Living Program orientation. At an orientation, you will learn the primary purpose of ILP, meet an emancipation coach, and have all of your questions answered. Here are upcoming dates and times:

Riverside Area

CFLC Rubidoux Youth Opportunity Center
5656 Mission Blvd., Riverside

November 15, 2011

5:00-7:00 p.m.

Moreno Valley Area

Moreno Valley Youth Opportunity Center
22635 Alessandro Blvd., Suite C, Moreno Valley

January 17, 2012

5:00-7:00 p.m.

**Be sure to call (951) 222-8198
to reserve your spot!**

Inspired!

Inspire Life Skills Training, Inc. exists to mentor and train former foster youth to become self sufficient, responsible, and to make positive life choices. The housing program gives youth the opportunity to live independently with other roommates in an apartment or in other housing arrangements. The participants chosen for this program must be in college or vocational school taking at least 12 units and working 15-25 hours a week. They will be required to pay rent in the amount of 10%-30% of their income with a \$200/per month cap. The youth are also required to save 10% of their income in a savings account that will be theirs to keep once they launch from the program. Youth are expected to attend all training sessions on budgeting, cooking, cleaning, shopping, interpersonal communication, interviewing skills, etc. Participants are expected to work together to maintain the apartment/house in the condition in which they first moved in. They are required to attend all house meetings with their roommates and an Inspire mentor.

If you are in need of housing and think you may qualify, please call your Emancipation Coach for more details, or visit www.inspirelifeskills.org.