



NextSTEP Frequently Asked Questions

Q. I'm homeless-what can I do?

A. If you are in immediate need of housing, call 211 to find shelter in your area. Or, go to www.ilponline.org to find housing resources as well as vacancy reports for transitional housing.

Q. I need proof that I was in foster care, how do I get it?

A. Contact your ILP coordinator. Contact information can be found at www.ilponline.org or go to the clerk's office at the Children's Court and request a copy of your last "minute order." Children's Court is located at 201 Centre Plaza Dr, Monterey Park, CA 91754; (323) 526-6645, ask for the clerk's office..

Q. How do I get money for college?

A. In order to qualify for financial aid for college you need to first complete a financial aid application called the FAFSA. You can access it for free by going to www.fafsa.ed.gov. You can also contact your school's financial aid office and/or your ILP coordinator for information. Their contact information is on the ILP website www.ilponline.org.

Q. How can I locate my attorney?

A. The attorney that represents you in court works for Children's Law Center Los Angeles (CLC). Contact CLC at (323) 980-1700 and ask for your attorney's contact information. You can also visit their website www.clcla.org

Q. Where can I get job skills training and resume help?

A. For job skills training and/or help with your resume, visit your local Work Source Center. Find the nearest location by going to www.worksourcecalifornia.com or call (888) 226-6300. Other useful sites are www.careeronestop.org or America's Job Bank at www.ajb.org

Q. How can a mentor help me?

A. A mentor makes a commitment to youth who need additional support in their lives. This lifeline helps in various ways; a mentor supports the mentee with guidance as they transition into adulthood, including emotional support, career guidance, help finding resources or even something as simple as someone to call when you need to talk.