

ILS Monthly

“We believe in strengthening our communities by empowering youth and families to create their own success.” We acknowledge the ancestors past, present and future, of the Coast Salish peoples, specifically the Nisqually, Cowlitz and Squaxin Island nations, who are the original and rightful stewards of the land where we live and work.

New Year, Same ILS!



It is time to bring in the new year with the ILS team! We are excited to jump into 2024 and continue supporting our ILS participants through the new year.

This issue of our newsletter features information on the 2024-2025 FAFSA application and the 2024-2025 ETV application for students interested in pursuing post-secondary studies next academic year. If you are considering filling out either a FAFSA or an ETV application for the next academic year, and aren't sure how to start, reach out to your ILS case manager for support!

For those accessing our Newsletter on smart phones or computers, clicking the names of each resource will take you to their website!

Resources to Check Out:

[Thurston Co. Food Bank](#) |
360-352-8597

[Gather Church](#) | 360-827-0264

[Lewis County Food Bank Coalition](#)
360-330-1519

[Saint's Pantry](#) | 360-427-8847

[The Youth Connection](#) | 360-462-0125
receptionist@youthconnectionwa.org

[Crisis Clinic](#) | 360-586-2800

Salvation Army:

[Olympia](#) | 360-705-2850

[Centralia](#) | 360-736-4439

[Budget Bytes](#)

[Goblin Tools](#)

2024-2025 FAFSA Application is now open!

If you are interested in pursuing any form of post-secondary training during the 2024-2025 academic year and will need financial aid, consider filling out a FAFSA form. What is the FAFSA? It is a Free Application for Financial Student Aid from the U.S. Department of Education. This application can help determine if you are eligible for federal financial aid such as grants, scholarships, and student loans.

Learn more [here!](#)



Dates to Remember:

**Canceled - Mason County Drop-In
Hours 12pm-4pm**

**601 W Franklin St. Shelton, WA 98584
January 15th – CYS offices closed in
observance of Martin Luther King
Day**

**January 16th - Mockingbird Olympia
Chapter Meeting 4:30pm-6:30pm
Open to all in the Peninsula Region
Reach out to Nick Guzman to Attend
Virtually!**

**January 22nd - Lewis County Drop-In
Hours 12pm-4pm**

414 N Tower Ave Centralia, WA 98531

**January 31st - Thurston County
Drop-In Hours 12pm-4pm
711 NE State Ave Olympia, WA 98506**

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2024-2025 ETV Application is now open!

Applications for Education Training Vouchers for the 2024-2025 academic year are now open. The priority application cycle each year is from January 1st to April 30th. If you are interested in receiving ETV funds for the first time during the 2024-2025 academic year, you will need to fill out a new application. If you have received funds in the past and are interested in receiving ETV funds again in the 2024-2025 academic year, please remember to fill out a renewal application. Please make sure you fill out a FAFSA prior to filling out your ETV application, as it is required for the ETV application. You can find more information and links to the applications [here!](#)