

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.

Farewell to ILS at CYS

As we prepare to transition the ILS program in Region 6 over to Olive Crest, join us in celebrating our final newsletter, featuring information about what to expect as we close out our ILS program here at CYS, as well as contact information for the ILS Program Supervisor at Olive Crest!

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@youthconnection.wa.org
[Crisis Clinic](#) | 360-586-2800
Salvation Army:
[Olympia](#) | 360-705-2850
[Centralia](#) | 360-736-4439
[Budget Bytes](#)
[Goblin Tools](#)

Important ILS Information

Starting April 1st, Olive Crest will be the ILS Provider for DCYF Region 6, which includes Thurston, Mason, and Lewis Counties. The ILS Contract with CYS will close out at the end of March. CYS and Olive Crest are partnering together to ensure a smooth transition. We have included below the contact information for Olive Crest's ILS Program Supervisor, Mykala Loveless, and a list of important dates to keep in mind for the closing of the ILS program at CYS.

ILS Eligibility

To be eligible for ILS, according to DCYS's website, you must have been in an established dependency through DCYF or a tribal child welfare agency and in an out-of-home placement for at least 30 days between ages 15 and 18. ILS serves young people between the ages of 15 and 23. For more information on ILS eligibility, check out DCYF's webpage on the [Independent Living Program](#).

How to Refer to ILS

DCYF asks that dependent youth have their social worker complete a referral form in FamLink and submit the form to ILSKIDS@dcyf.wa.gov
Youth can also self-refer by reaching out to ILSKIDS@dcyf.wa.gov to request more information or reaching out directly to the ILS Provider in their area. For more information on referrals, check out DCYS's webpage on the [Independent Living Program](#).



Dates to Remember:

- March 14th** – Last day to fill out ILS Contact Survey.
- March 15th** – Last day for Scheduled Meetings with Veneza.
- March 21st** – Last Day for Scheduled Meetings with Alyssa.
- March 29th** – Veneza's last day with CYS.
- Open meeting with Olive Crest – To Be Announced!**

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