SERVICES PROVIDED:
The Independent Living Program (ILP) is a voluntary program for youth ages 16-21 who are aging out of foster care. Youth in our program complete the Casey Life Skills Assessment and the Transition Readiness Index and an Individualized Comprehensive Service Plan. ILP staff, Personal Agents, provide group and individual information on resources and skills needed for youth to become responsible adults.

ROLE OF THE PRACTICUM/INTERN STUDENT:
ILP Interns/Practicum Students assist Personal Agents on any facets of the job including: paperwork such as assessments and service plans, case notes and monthly progress reports, phone calls and correspondence, assisting with the monthly newsletter and program orientations, assisting youth to work on specific goals or skills and other program related tasks as they arise. Intern/Practicum Students may also co-facilitate meetings or groups under the direct supervision of the Personal Agents or Program Director.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PRACTICUM/INTERN STUDENTS:
- Flexibility and initiative that will allow the student to function within an interdependent teamwork structure
- Non-judgmental, strength-based approach to working with youth
- Good listening skills
- Ability to communicate well orally and in writing
- Ability to deal with difficult situations
- Experience operating a computer is desirable
- Three personal or professional references. Anyone, but family

The practicum student will work closely with staff to develop a program that meets the needs of the youth and serves the agency in a productive way.

A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK, DRUG SCREENING, AND TB TEST IS REQUIRED OF ALL INTERN/PRACTICUM STUDENTS.

As of April 15, 2011, practicum sites that use the Department of Human Services Background Check Unit will now conduct a weighing test and fitness determination when an individual has been identified as the perpetrator of abuse in certain cases of sexual abuse, physical abuse or financial exploitation. The Background Check Unit will specifically consider the most serious cases of abuse reported and substantiated from January 1, 2010, forward. Certain crimes are now permanently disqualifiable per ORS 443.004