# **Introduction to WCHSA Independent Living Modules**

## **Purpose**

To provide teen's in WCHSA custody with the opportunity to learn valuable life skills while residing in their respective foster homes/placements so that they may enter the world with a better chance for success.

#### Who

Youth ages 14 and older placed in your home or facility.

#### What

Twelve monthly modules that cover a new independent training topic each month to be taught by the foster parent/staff and the other members of the youth's team (PSR worker, WIN worker, Children's Cabinet worker, etc.)

#### Where

Module activities should take place in the foster home/facility or in the community.

## When

It will be the foster parent/staff's responsibility to check off each task that was completed with the youth in that month's module. At the end of the month the module can be emailed to the worker or provided to them at the youth's CFT/home visit. The information from these modules will then be captured in the statewide UNITY system in the youth's independent living screen. These IL services are monitored and federally mandated.

The modules are to be repeated every year that the youth is in the home/placement which may include repeating "basic skills" before moving on to "intermediate" or "exceptional" levels.

### **How**

Once a youth is placed in the home/facility the assigned case worker will email the module packet to the youth's placement. Each time a youth moves the case manager will forward the placement a new module packet.