

## **IHSS Program Integrity and Fraud Prevention State and County Government Workgroup Statewide Coordination**

The goal of the workgroup is to design an approach to program integrity activities that balances early identification and prevention with safe and respectful mitigation efforts. The work is achieved through:

- A common understanding of the issues, concerns and problems in coordinating efforts to address IHSS fraud, and
- A joint, uniform approach to cross-jurisdictional activities that ensures timely coordination and communication between social service and law enforcement agencies at the county level and between county and state agencies.

### **Discussion Points:**

The key objective of the Statewide Coordination subcommittee is:

- Develop a statewide protocol that will guide a coordinated, uniform approach to IHSS program fraud detection, prevention, referral, investigation and prosecution activities.
- Create processes to track program integrity and fraud activities to prevent duplication for recipients and providers

### **Proposed Concept:**

- Identify roles and responsibilities of each entity including: county IHSS staff, investigators, district attorneys, the Department of Social Services, Department of Health Care Services and the Department of Justice.
- Create a uniform IHSS fraud referral form that initiates and tracks the process of investigation.
- Track information across agencies for efficiency and to avoid duplication
- Establish uniform data collection and reporting from counties to designated state agencies.
- Develop system to capture and report investigation and prosecution outcomes.

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