Adult Protective Services Program Overview

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Adult Protective Services (APS)

- The California APS program provides services without regard to income, to persons who are victims of abuse, neglect, or exploitation:
  - aged 65 and older
  - dependent adults aged 18-64 who are functionally impaired and are unable to meet their own needs.

- California has operated the APS Program since 1984. Funding from the County Services Block Grant (CSBG) was limited and regulations were minimal.

- Senate Bill 2199 (Chapter 946, Statutes of 1998) established a statewide APS program with minimum standards.

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SB 2199

- Required each county to establish and support an adult protective services system for elders and dependent adults.
  - Response to and investigation of all reports of known or suspected abuse and neglect.
  - 24 hour emergency response system.
  - Time-limited case management services such as advocacy, counseling, money management, out-of-home placement, and conservatorship.
  - Emergency shelter/in-home protection.
  - Tangible resources like food and transportation.
  - Multidisciplinary teams.
  - Assist in prosecution.
  - Educate the public.

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- **Jurisdiction**
  - County APS agencies investigate reports of known or suspected abuse or neglect of an elder or dependent adult, EXCEPT those that occur in or under the supervision of:
    - State hospital;
    - State developmental center;
    - Long-term care facility including a community care facility, residential care facility for the elderly, long-term health care facility.
  - Jurisdiction may be shared with other agencies, and county APS agencies will investigate reports of known or suspected abuse or neglect in these facilities if the suspected abuse or neglect does NOT involve the facility or a member of its staff (the licensing agencies have that responsibility).

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- Due to the passage of AB 118 (Chapter 40, Statutes of 2011) and ABX1 16 (Chapter 13, First Extraordinary Session, Statutes of 2011), APS was realigned in 2011.
  - Approximately $176,000 ($88,000 General Fund) is dedicated for training.
  - The 1997-98 MOE requirement no longer applies.
  - APS expenditures for the past five years were:
    - In FY 2011-12: $119.7 million.
    - In FY 2012-13: $120.7 million.
    - In FY 2013-14: $126.3 million.

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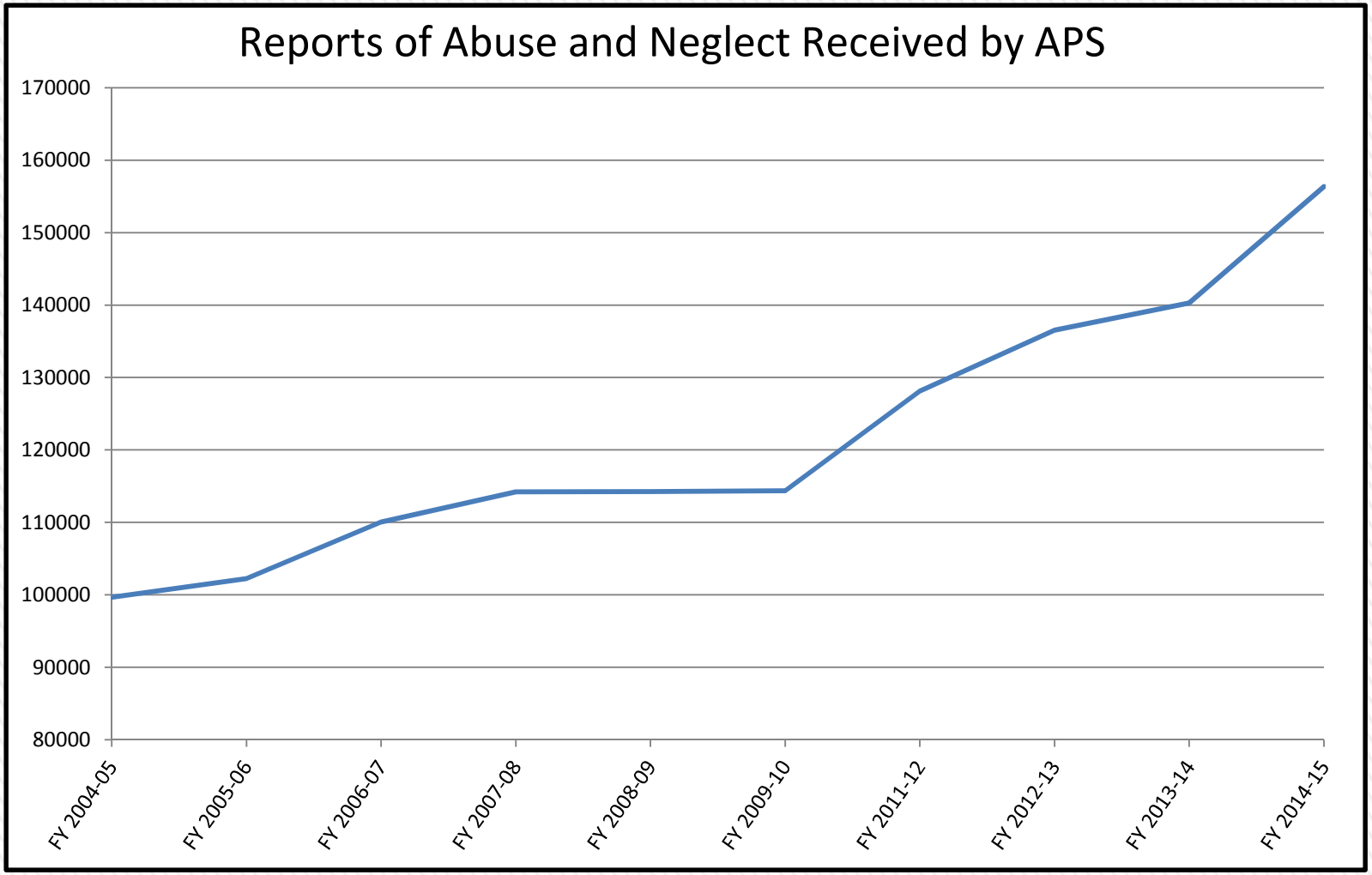
Reports



Source: APS and County Services Block Grant Monthly Statistical Report (SOC 242)

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State Staffing

- CDSS continues to serve the county APS offices in matters related to oversight of policy to allow for consistency of services across all 58 counties.
- CDSS has one full-time dedicated staff person who performs state-level APS program activities including:
  - Providing significant support to members of the public who are reporting abuse;
  - Contacting county APS agencies to ensure that reports are appropriately investigated;
  - Responding to inquiries from those who report abuse, including counties, law enforcement agencies, legislators, and advocates;
  - Monitoring the APS training contracts for compliance and ensuring deliverables are met;
  - Maintaining the statewide APS program contact list;
  - Analyzing and tracking all legislation relating to elder and dependent adult abuse, neglect, and exploitation;
  - Revising existing forms, including the SOC 242 APS monthly report form, and providing instructions to counties;
  - Responding to external inquiries regarding elder and dependent adult abuse issues in California.