
**SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI) ADVOCACY
COUNTY SURVEY SUMMARY
As of March 18, 2016**

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) conducted a statewide survey in February and March 2016 in order to better understand the SSI advocacy services that County Welfare Departments (CWDs) provide to CalWORKs clients in need of assistance.

The majority of the 56 counties that responded to the CDSS survey are currently providing SSI advocacy services or making referrals for SSI advocacy for CalWORKs and/or other populations such as General Assistance (GA)/General Relief (GR) and California Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI).

Counties provide SSI advocacy services using a variety of approaches, including in-house county staffed units, dedicated social worker(s), referrals to existing SSI services available under the umbrella agency, utilizing a contracted provider, referrals to mental health and/or legal assistance, or through a collaborative partnership.

Survey Highlights

- 34 counties provide services and/or make referrals for SSI advocacy for CalWORKs clients
 - 30 of these counties also provide SSI advocacy services and/or referrals for other populations in addition to CalWORKs, such as GA/GR and CAPI clients.
 - Four of these counties serve CalWORKs clients but do not provide SSI services for other populations.
- Eight counties do not provide SSI advocacy services for CalWORKs clients, but do serve other populations.
- Five counties are in development to provide SSI advocacy services.
- Nine counties do not provide SSI advocacy services for CalWORKs or any other populations.
- Two counties did not respond to the survey.