



# IHSS Program Overview and Emerging Topics

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# IHSS Program

- Program Defined
- Administration
- Funding
- Programs
- Population
- Services & Supports
- Current Activities & Emerging Issues

# IHSS

- Serves income-eligible individuals aged 65 and older, blind and/or disabled
- Allows consumers to remain safely in their own homes/communities as an alternative to institutionalization



# IHSS Partnership



The administration of IHSS includes a complex partnership of the following entities:



# IHSS Budget

- FY 15-16 Budget Act assumes:
  - \$8.2 billion total IHSS Funds
  - \$2.8 billion is General Funds

# Programs in IHSS

| <b>Programs</b>                              | <b>Population</b> |
|--|-------------------|
| Community First Choice Option (CFCO)         | 40% consumers     |
| IHSS Plus Option (IPO)                       | 3% consumers      |
| Personal Care Services Program (PCSP)        | 56% consumers     |
| IHSS-Residual (IHSS-R)<br>[state-only funds] | 1% consumers      |
| Overall Program Population                   | 512,542 consumers |

# IHSS Providers

- IHSS is made up of approximately 426,000 providers:
  - 69% are family members
  - 58% are live-in providers



# IHSS Consumers

- Approximately 513,000 IHSS consumers:
- IHSS consumers:
  - 56% are 65 or older
  - 38% are 18-64
  - 6% are 17 or under



# IHSS Program Services

- Personal Care Services
- Domestic & Related Services
- Protective Supervision
- Paramedical Services



# Utilization of Personal Care Services

| Services               | Percentages |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Bathing/Hygiene        | 89%         |
| Dressing               | 83%         |
| Prosthesis Care        | 77%         |
| Ambulation             | 61%         |
| Transfers              | 59%         |
| Bowel and Bladder Care | 58%         |
| Rubbing Skin           | 44%         |
| Feeding                | 20%         |

# Utilization of Domestic and Related Services

| Services                 | Percentages |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Domestic/house cleaning  | 88%         |
| Meal Prep & Meal Cleanup | 87%         |
| Laundry                  | 89%         |
| Food Shopping & Errands  | 87%         |
| Medical Accompaniment    | 86%         |

# Utilization Of Other Services

| Services               | Percentages |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Protective Supervision | 6%          |
| Paramedical Services   | 12%         |

# Recent Program Activities & Emerging Issues

- Provider training
- Implementation of FLSA for IHSS providers (SB 855 & SB 873)

# Provider Training

- In January 2014, CDSS made voluntary training curriculum and resources available to IHSS providers as required by the Coordinated Care Initiative.
- Curriculum included:
  - 15 Topics and 80+ subtopics
  - Topics included Introduction to IHSS, Universal Precautions, Care for the Caregiver, etc.
- Materials available at:  
<http://www.cdss.ca.gov/agedblinddisabled/PG3366.htm>

# Provider Training

- In-Person Provider Training currently in development
- Overall outcome is to ensure the accountability, consistency, and quality of care for IHSS consumers
  - Draft curriculum includes four modules:
    - IHSS Basic Training
    - Personal Care Competencies
    - Paramedical Training
    - Parent Provider Training
  - We have developed Module 1 which is currently 4 hours long and is currently in stakeholder review.

# Implementation of FLSA (SB 855 & SB 873)

- Recent Court Decision to uphold DOLs revision to the FLSA rules
- CDSS is gearing up to implement this federal law as articulated in state law

# For More Information

CDSS website

<http://www.cdss.ca.gov/agedblinddisabled/PG1296.htm>

OR

Contact your local IHSS and Public Authority offices