

CDSS ACL State Grant Enhances Adult Protective Services: An Overview



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Goal: Enhance the capacity for Adult Services Administrators and APS Program Managers to drive improvements by examining and building upon federal and state APS guidelines, current research, and best practices.



Key Project Partners

Subcontractors

- Adult Protective Services Workforce Innovations (APSWI), Academy for Professional Excellence at San Diego State University (SDSU)
- National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA)

Partners

- Advisory Team comprised of County APS Managers, Adult Services Managers and CDSS

Objectives and Activities

1 Support APS Program Managers to build upon federal and state APS guidelines, current research and best practices to enhance their capacity to drive program improvements by providing:

- Workshops: National experts will deliver workshops on salient and emerging topics
- Regional team planning and support: Support provided for research and capacity building for each of the 4 Regional Teams throughout the state (includes Southern, Bay Area, Valley Mountain and Northern)

2 Increase Adult Services Administrators' knowledge of federal and state APS guidelines, current research and best practices, partnerships and funding opportunities to enhance engagement and support of their APS programs by providing:

- Workshops facilitated by national experts on emerging protective services challenges, promising practice solutions and opportunities to partner with APS leadership across the state.
- The opportunity to join APS Managers in workshops covering topics that are essential for APS leadership

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APS STIPEND PROGRAM for MSW STUDENTS

Goal: To enhance the capacity of APS programs to meet the complex needs of vulnerable adults by increasing the number of MSW trained social workers working in Adult Protective Services.



Key Project Partners



Subcontractor

- The California Social Work Education Center (CalSWEC)

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- The Bay Area Social Services Consortium (BASSC)
- CDSS

Training Partners

- UC Berkeley School of Social Welfare
- San Jose State University School of Social Work
- 12 Bay Area County APS programs

Strategy



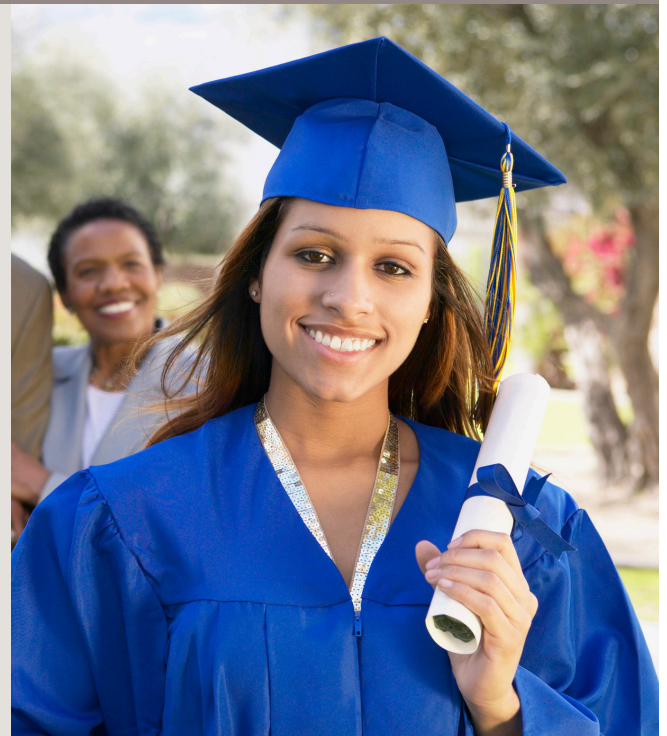
To increase the number of MSW graduates working in APS programs by piloting a stipend program to support aging and disability focused MSW education, paired with a post-graduation APS employment obligation.

The APS Stipend Program is funded as a pilot program by CDSS and BASSC.

APS Stipend recipients must complete specific coursework and academic requirements, first year field placements in approved public and private non-profit aging programs, and second year field placements in Adult Protective Services programs in the 12 BASSC counties.

They must also commit to completing 24 months of full time employment in APS programs in one of the 12 BASSC counties after graduation.

The hope is this pilot program will grow in future years.



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