

**FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The Department of Human Services plans and administers a variety of federal, state and local programs that are designed to meet basic human needs and to ensure protection of our most vulnerable citizens as required by law, regulation and mandate. The department provides families, children and single adults with monetary or service support. The Human Services Commission provides oversight of the Department of Human Services by approving the goals and objectives as reflected in the annual budget.

PROGRAM	AUTHORITY	PURPOSE
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs)	42 ISCA 601 et seq; Welf. & Inst. Code Sect. 11200 et seq. TANF 1996	To provide eligible families with cash assistance, food stamps, Medi-Cal, employment services, subsidized child care, family stabilization, housing and other support services to assist them in finding and retaining employment and becoming self sufficient.
CalFresh (formerly known as Food Stamps and now known nationally as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – SNAP)	USCA 2011 et seq; Welf. & Inst. Code Sect. 18900 et seq.	To provide eligible families and individuals with increased resources for the purchase of food as well as employment and training and nutrition education.
County Adult Assistance Programs (CAAP) and Care Not Cash Program	For Personal Assisted Employment Services (PAES), Cash Assistance Linked to Medi-Cal (CALM), Supplemental Security Income Pending (SSIP), and Family General Relief Program: Sections 20.7 et seq; for General Assistance (GA): Sections 20.7 et seq, and Welf. & Inst. Code Sect. 17000 et seq. Homelessness and Supportive Housing Fund: Section 10.100-77.	To provide eligible, employable individuals with cash assistance and employment and supportive services to assist them in finding and retaining employment and becoming self-sufficient.  To provide financial assistance for eligible individuals who have either long-term or short term disabilities, or who choose not to participate in a path leading to employment and to provide increased income for persons with disabilities by advocating for eligible clients to receive SSI.
Medi-Cal Health Connections	42 USCA 1396 et seq; Welf. & Inst. Code Sect. 14000 et seq. Title XIX of the Social Security Act PL 111-148 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act)	Provide application assistance and eligibility determinations for a range of health coverage options for families, single adults, children, aged, and disabled persons.
Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI)	Welf. & Inst. Code Sects. 18937 - 18944	To provide cash assistance for aged and disabled lawful permanent residents who are ineligible for SSI solely due to their immigration status.
Family & Children's Services	42 USCA 670 et seq; Welf. & Inst. Code Sects 300, 16000, 11400 et seq. Title IV-E of the Social Security Act	To work with the community and families to provide services to help families remain intact; to provide protection of children and non-minor dependents by in-home and out-of-home placement services; licensing of foster and adoptive homes; full adoption services; extended foster care and Independent Living Skills.
Working Families Credit Program	SF Administrative Code, Chapter 12S	To provide incentive payments to low-income families to encourage participation in the federal Earned Income Tax Credit Program.
Administration (Planning & Fiscal, Personnel/Payroll, MIS, Support Services) Program Support (FRED, SIU, Over Payments, Collections, Fair Hearings & Appeals, Staff Development, Contracts)	42 USCA 604 et seq; Welf. & Inst. Code Sect. 10800 et seq. Title IV A of the Social Security Act, Federal & State Regulations – 42 USCA 601 et seq; Welf. & Inst. Code Sects. 10800, 10950 et seq.	To provide essential operations which support the agency and its staff. To provide essential and mandated functions directly related to program.