

**Adult Protective  
Services Unit**



# Adult Protective Services (APS) June 2026

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# World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD)

- CDSS is proud to present an awareness video designed to educate communities about the impacts of elder abuse.

[California Works to Prevent Elder Abuse](#)

- The video is now available on the [CDSS APS WEAAD webpage](#).
- Be sure to watch for 2026 WEAAD announcements on CDSS social media channels, including Facebook, YouTube, X, and Instagram, throughout the month of June.



# APS Federal Regulations

## Background:

- On May 7, 2024, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) released a final rule to establish the first federal regulations for adult protective services (APS) programs. The final rule took effect on June 7, 2024, but APS entities have until May 8, 2028, to fully comply.
- The federal regulations were developed in response to long-standing requests from the APS community, Congress, and other stakeholders for federal guidance, leadership, stewardship, resources, and support for APS systems and victims of adult maltreatment.
- The new regulations aim to improve consistency in services across states.



# APS Federal Regulations: New Definitions

**Include the following 18 definitions into WIC Chapter 11 and/or Chapter 13:**

- Adult Maltreatment
- Allegation
- Alleged Perpetrator
- Case
- Client
- Conflict of Interest
- Dual Relationship
- Emergency Protective Action
- Financial Exploitation
- Finding
- Intake
- Mandated reporter
- Perpetrator
- Quality Assurance
- Report
- Response
- Screening
- Self-neglect
- Victim

# APS Federal Regulations

- CDSS accepted initial stakeholder feedback through September 30, 2025.
- CWDA, CFPIC and County workgroup meets biweekly to update the WIC.
- CDSS meets with CDSS Legal monthly.
- CDSS plans to solicit second round of stakeholder feedback July 1, 2026 - July 30, 2026
- Hold stakeholder feedback session the week of July 6, 2026
- Counties complete a voluntary self-assessment to assess compliance July 1, 2026 – September 30, 2026.
- **Submit Trailer Bill to Legislation in January 2027 for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027-28 Governor's Budget.**
- CDSS reviews county voluntary self-assessment and provide feedback to counties January 1, 2027 – March 31, 2027.

# APS Database Warehouse

To improve statewide APS data management and reporting, the CDSS is in development of a statewide APS Data Warehouse. The APS Data Warehouse will serve as a centralized system for collecting APS case level data across California. This system will support improved statewide data consistency, reporting, and analysis and ensure the data reported complies NAMRS requirements.



As part of this effort, CDSS is developing a data pipeline to allow county APS case management systems to securely transmit data to the APS Data Warehouse.



Currently entering into the testing phase with select counties.

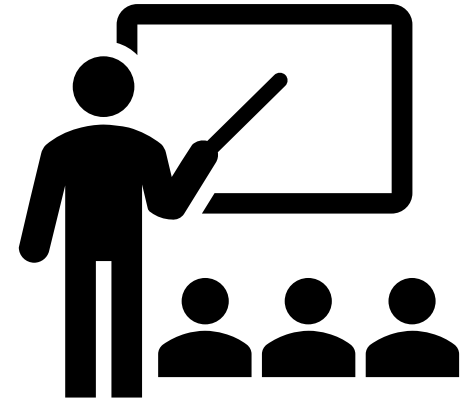


The Data Warehouse has an estimated Go-Live date of October 1st 2026.

# Regional Academy Trainings

In FY 2024-25, the Regional Training Academy provided trainings:

- 600 trainings were held with 5,191 learners
- Over 8,417 APS workers completed the 23 Core Competency eLearning courses.
- 449 APS social workers/supervisors participated in Virtual Reality Learning Labs. Learners can see and hear as the person they are embodying. Labs include clients experiencing Macular Degeneration, Alzheimer's Disease, Lewy Body Dementia and Parkinson's Disease.



# Masters in Social Work (MSW) Stipend Program

- Since FY 24/25, CDSS has contracted with San Jose State University Research Foundation to promote training and stipends for social work education in exchange for employment in Adult Protective Services after graduation.
  - 54 MSW students in FY 24/25
  - 71 MSW students in FY 25/26
- CDSS is in the process of renewing the MSW Stipend contract for FY 26/27.
- The contract will allow for 60 students at 10 universities.
- Positions are available for both Master of Social Work and Bachelor of Arts in Social Work students.
- Participating MSW programs will remain the same: Cal Poly Humboldt, CSU Chico, CSU East Bay, CSU Fullerton, CSU Long Beach, CSU San Marcos, CSU Stanislaus, Sacramento State University, San Diego State University, San Jose State University.

