

**FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

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The Department of Benefits and Family Support plans and administers a variety of federal, state and local programs designed to meet basic human needs and to ensure protection of our most vulnerable citizens as required by law, regulation and mandate. The Human Services Commission provides oversight of the Department of Benefits and Family Support 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, CalFresh, 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.

Families Rising

Local initiative, enhancing
CalWORKs; no associated code

Families Rising is collective impact initiative that seeks to break the cycle of intergenerational poverty for low-income families by weaving together several evidence-based or promising service interventions that promote positive life outcomes for both parents and children.

CalFresh (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.

Community Food
Coordination

Local initiative; no associated code

To facilitate the implementation of local food support programming for low-income people and families experiencing food insecurity, as well as to support a coordinated, accessible, and culturally responsive food support network.

County Adult Assistance
Programs (CAAP)

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.

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.

Care Not Cash Program

Homelessness and Supportive
Housing Fund: Section 10.100-77.

Care Not Cash provides housing and support services for unhoused CAAP clients.

San Francisco Administrative Code
SEC. 20.7-26.5;

PROGRAM

Substance Abuse
Screening, Evaluation,
and Treatment

Disability Advocacy
Program (HDAP)

Cash Assistance Program
for Immigrants (CAPI)

Medi-Cal

Family & Children's
Services

Bringing Families Home
Program (BFH)

Administration (Planning
& Fiscal,
Personnel/Payroll, MIS,
Support Services)

Program Support (FRED,
SIU, Over Payments,
Collections, Fair Hearings
& Appeals, Staff
Development, Contracts),
Disaster Response

AUTHORITY

Welf. & Inst. Code Sects 17000 -
17030.1

For Housing and Disability Advocacy
Program (HDAP): Welf. & Inst. Code
Sects 18999 et seq.

Welf. & Inst. Code Sects. 18937 -
18944

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)

42 USCA 670 et seq; Welf. & Inst.
Code Sects 300, 16000, 11400 et
seq.
Title IV-E of the Social Security Act.

For Bringing Families Home (BFH)
Program: Welf. & Inst. Code Sects
16523 et seq.

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.

PURPOSE

To improve health and life outcomes for CAAP clients
who have a substance use disorder by incentivizing
engagement in some form of drug treatment.

Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP)
provides housing and disability benefits application
assistance to clients experiencing homelessness or at
risk of homelessness.

To provide cash assistance for aged and disabled lawful
permanent residents who are ineligible for SSI solely
due to their immigration status.

To provide application assistance and eligibility
determinations for a range of health coverage options
for families, single adults, children, aged, and disabled
persons.

To work with the community and families 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.

Bringing Families Home (BFH) provides housing-related
supports to families receiving child welfare services to
increase family reunification and prevent foster care
placement.

To provide essential operations which support the
agency and its staff.

To provide essential and mandated functions directly
related to program.