

CWFIA 50TH ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE
COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

COURSE TITLE	COURSE DESCRIPTION	COURSE INSTRUCTOR
<p>Fraud 101: CalFresh & CalWORKs Basics for Investigators</p>	<p>This class will cover eligibility Rules and Regulations currently in effect as well as those that can assist welfare fraud investigators and their cases of investigation. It will provide direction in how the rules and regulations affect investigations and what elements must be present in order for Investigators to be successful in early and ongoing fraud investigations.</p>	<p>S. Renee Haga Social Services Supervisor Fresno County</p>
<p>Fraud 102: Understanding IEVS Matches and Overpayments</p>	<p>This workshop provides an overview of the Income Eligibility Verification System (IEVS). The IEVS Match is the discovery for many Overpayments and Over Issuances that result in Welfare Fraud cases. It will cover each match and the required processing timeframes and will also examine the Overpayment and Over Issuance processes and computation methodology. Investigators will learn the history, origin, frequency, and data that is received on each of the IEVS Matches. They will learn the processing requirements of the IEVS matches, and how the information impacts eligibility. Lastly, Investigators will have an understanding of how overpayments are computed in accordance with the program rules.</p>	<p>S. Renee Haga Social Services Supervisor Fresno County</p>
<p>Fraud 103: Prosecution of Welfare Fraud</p>	<p>Compiling Documents, Witnesses, and other evidence specifically for use by the District Attorney in Prosecuting Criminal Welfare Fraud cases (including Preliminary Hearing and Jury Trial). Understanding the Means and Standards of Proof in Court Hearings. Emphasis on identifying, obtaining, and organizing admissible evidence for use in court. The most common types of Welfare Fraud Cases will be explored, including Unreported Earnings/Assets, 'Absent' Parent/Absent Child, and Residency. If time permits looking at less common types of fraud, such as food stamp, EBT, Employee theft and IHSS fraud.</p>	<p>Nancy Cooper Deputy District Attorney San Bernardino County</p>

<p>Case Study – California EBT Text Message Scam</p>	<p>This is a debrief of a statewide EBT scam that was discovered in Sacramento County and ultimately effected more than 1,700 victims across 37 counties. As a result, one person was responsible for the theft of nearly \$1,000,000 and we were able to recover approximately \$950,000 in cash.</p>	<p>Dan Burke – Criminal Investigator Sacramento County DHA</p> <p>Lewis Fedor – Criminal Investigator Sacramento County DHA</p> <p>Shannon Richardson – Lieutenant Sacramento County DHA</p>
<p>Case Study – Identity Theft</p>	<p>This presentation is designed to give an overview of an Identity Theft case in Nevada. One individual submitted applications for SNAP and Medical public assistance. The suspect stole the identity of 188 individuals and received over \$630,000.00 in benefits.</p>	<p>Jason Lewis – Chief of Investigations State of Nevada Welfare & Supportive Services</p> <p>O’Sheyon Rollins Compliance Officer State of Nevada Welfare & Supportive Services</p>
<p>Fentanyl Awareness & Education</p>	<p>This course will discuss fentanyl, a powerful synthetic opioid responsible for thousands of deaths nationwide. This course will examine what fentanyl is, why it is so dangerous, the risk of second-hand exposure and what is being done to combat this epidemic.</p>	<p>Jerry Pfohl Deputy District Attorney Riverside County DA</p>

<p>Plainclothes Safety</p>	<p>This course is critical for welfare fraud investigators because they work almost exclusively in plainclothes, without the benefit of a gun belt, bulletproof vest, long guns and in many cases a partner. Almost no agencies have effective plainclothes training.</p>	<p>James Rewald Tactics Instructor High Threat Solutions Worldwide, and contractor for the Department of Defense</p>
<p>IHSS & Fraud Investigations</p>	<p>This class will provide attendees with a background of the IHSS program and provide samples of IHSS fraud investigations. Topics to be covered are as follows: IHSS program background, the clientele that IHSS program services, the services covered by IHSS, County and State Roles, and IHSS investigations.</p>	<p>Roxana Rivas Investigator CA Department of Health Care Services</p>
<p>Drug Diversion & the Impact on the Welfare System</p>	<p>This course will cover the impact and misuse/abuse of the welfare system as a mechanism for obtaining both controlled and non-controlled pharmaceutical drugs profit and illicit dispensing activity (i.e., sales and distribution to adult, children, transients, and working-class citizens). Special attention will be given to drug diversion schemes, formation of “pill-mills” including the practice of “doctor shopping” and the recycling of prescription drugs. Ample time will be allowed for discussion and questions.</p>	<p>Alex Solorio Supervising Investigator CA Department of Health Care Services</p>

<p>RAP Sheet Interpretation</p>	<p>This presentation is designed to give an overview of the California Automated Criminal History System (ACHS) responses received via CLETS. Many in law enforcement view ACHS responses as confusing and hard to understand. This presentation will take some of the mystery away and participants will have a better understanding of what they're looking at when they view RAP Sheets in the future.</p>	<p>Keith LeBrun Deputy Sheriff (retired) Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept.</p>
<p>Your Rights as a Welfare Fraud Investigator: The Public Safety Officers Procedural Bill of Rights Act</p>	<p>This course is an updated review of California's POBR. This course helps welfare fraud investigators navigate internal affairs investigations by explaining the rights and responsibilities that apply to investigators and subject employees; describing how the statute applies to criminal and civil matters and peace officer personnel files; and covering recent cases in which the courts have interpreted peace officer rights.</p>	<p>Christopher W. Miller Attorney at Law Law Offices of Christopher W Miller</p>
<p>DA Roundtable <i>(No POST credits for this roundtable discussion)</i></p>	<p>This session is an opportunity for prosecutors (and interested investigators) to get together and discuss issues that are of importance and/or concern in their counties in the prosecution of welfare fraud cases with changing dynamics of the California application process.</p>	<p>Guy Christian CWFIA President John Martire CWFIA Vice President</p>

<p>Real ID Overview & Counterfeit Driver's Licenses</p>	<p>This presentation is designed to give an overview of the Real-ID Act for California Driver Licenses and how to identify counterfeit California Driver Licenses. Many in law enforcement are unsure of Real-ID deadlines and requirements and how to identify counterfeit driver licenses. This presentation will provide up to date information about Real-ID requirements and increase knowledge about identifying counterfeit driver licenses and security features on driver licenses.</p>	<p>Scott Greminger Deputy Chief DMV Investigations</p> <p>Steven Potter Area Commander DMV Investigations</p>
<p>Report Writing</p>	<p>This course will provide an overview for successful prosecution of Welfare Fraud cases. The course will cover the key aspects of successful welfare fraud interviews, key documents and avoiding common pitfalls during such investigations. This course will review the best practices for writing reports that enable timely and effective filing of welfare fraud cases and provide suggestions for managing and improving relationships with your prosecutor.</p>	<p>Rodney Blaco Prosecutor Tulare County DA</p>
<p>Recognizing & Reporting Signs of Human Trafficking</p>	<p>This course is designed to provide investigators with an overview of human trafficking, discuss laws and legal issues, provide an overview of human trafficking terminology and an overview of the subculture surrounding human trafficking. The class will discuss the connections between human trafficking and welfare fraud and will provide investigators with the signs and indicators of suspected human trafficking, how to report suspected signs of human trafficking and what evidence is useful in human trafficking investigations.</p>	<p>Martha Rodriguez Criminal Investigator Tulare County DA</p>

<p>Search Warrants, CalECPA & Dealing with Digital Evidence</p>	<p>This presentation will provide the attendee with an overview of CalECPA and an understanding of when and how CalECPA applies to your investigation. The presentation will demonstrate how to author your search warrants, so they are CalECPA compliant when dealing with digital evidence from mobile devices, computers, and social media. The presentation will also crossover with a discussion of various challenges encountered when dealing with the actual evidence devices or accounts as the first person to come in contact with these digital evidence artifacts. Lastly, an overview of methodologies, techniques, and tools for analyzing and reporting your search warrant findings to comply with CalECPA.</p>	<p>Anthony Benitez Investigator Tulare County Da</p>
<p>Social Media – Basics</p>	<p>This workshop will demonstrate applied, practical methods for searching social media apps from an intelligence analyst and law enforcement perspective. These skills are compatible with software products used for data analysis and investigation but do not require the purchase of additional software for their use.</p>	<p>Kirby Plessas President & CEO Plessas Experts Network, Inc</p>
<p>Social Media - Advanced</p>	<p>The workshop will demonstrate applied, practical methods for using social media from an intelligence analyst and law enforcement perspective. These skills are compatible with software products used for data analysis and investigation but do not require the purchase of additional software for their use.</p>	<p>Kirby Plessas President & CEO Plessas Experts Network, Inc</p>

<p>Field Trauma Survival Training</p>	<p>This class will show the attendees how to survive when working in the field and Emergency Services are not available or delayed arriving. It will focus on the proper applications, approaches and mindset needed to be effective for themselves and in helping others with possible trauma scenarios.</p>	<p>Rod Lanthier Firefighter/Paramedic (retired) Chino Valley Fire Department</p> <p>Natalie Grumet Guest Speaker</p>
<p>Administrative Disqualification Hearings</p>	<p>This course will cover the “nuts and bolts” of how to prepare a successful ADH allegation, what is required and my interpretation of how best to present the CWD’s case during a hearing.</p>	<p>Joseph Villatoro Welfare Fraud Investigator San Francisco County HSA</p>
<p>CWFIA / CDSS / Chief’s & Supervisor’s Roundtable</p> <p><i>(No POST credits for this roundtable discussion)</i></p>	<p>This session is an opportunity for any county Fraud Unit, Special Investigation Unit, DA Fraud Unit and other Program Integrity Unit Chiefs, Supervisors and Managers to come together to discuss issues of interest and/or concerns that are taking place in their county which they wish to share.</p> <p>(The Oct 20th 10:15am session is for CWFIA & County attendees. The Oct 20th 1:15pm session will include CDSS)</p>	<p>Guy Christian CWFIA President</p> <p>John Martire CWFIA Vice President Chief Investigator Mendocino County</p>