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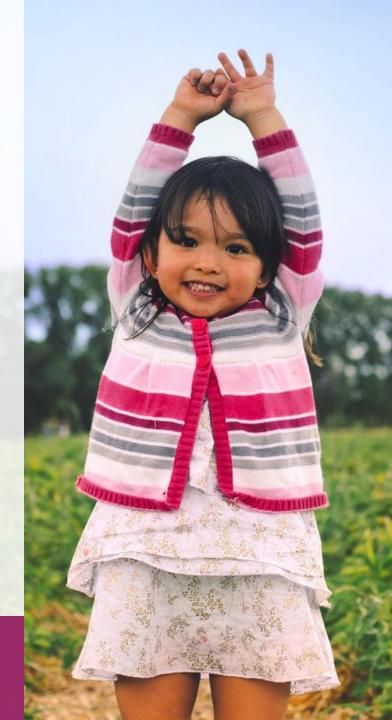for the Welfare of *All* Californians

Statewide Automated Welfare System

California's County Managed Public Assistance Eligibility & Enrollment System

Statewide Automated Welfare System (SAWS) Consortia

- ## Counties organized into three SAWS consortia:
  - LEADER (Los Angeles Eligibility, Automated Determination, Evaluation and Reporting)/LEADER Replacement System (LRS) – Los Angeles County
  - Consortium IV (C-IV) – 39 counties
  - CalWORKs Information Network (CalWIN) – 18 counties

- ## SAWS strategy was thoughtfully conceived by the Wilson Administration, Legislature and counties after numerous state automation attempts failed
  - County consortia approach built on a successful existing model – the Case Data System developed by a group of counties – and the strategy worked
  - SAWS is the only successful statewide automation of Medi-Cal, CalWORKs and CalFresh in the state's history

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SAWS Programs & Functions

- SAWS is the case management system for county eligibility staff providing CalWORKs, Welfare to Work, CalFresh, Medi-Cal, Foster Care, Refugee Assistance, County Medical Services Program, and General Assistance/General Relief

- SAWS supports Eligibility Determination, Benefit Calculation, Benefit Issuance, Case Management, and Reporting

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SAWS Strategy & Roles

- Going forward, the two system strategy (CalWIN & C-IV/LRS) is the agreed approach to SAWS
  - Strategy is formalized in state law
  - SAWS originally encompassed four consortia
    - 35 counties migrated from the oldest system (ISAWS) to the newest (C-IV) in 2010
    - After LRS is implemented in Los Angeles County, the 39 C-IV counties will migrate to LRS, forming a 40 county consortia

- County and state roles assigned based on appropriate expertise and day-to-day duties
  - Counties lead the SAWS consortia
  - System changes prioritized in conjunction with the OSI, CDSS, and DHCS

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SAWS Counties & Vendors

LEADER/LRS – Los Angeles County

- ~30% of statewide caseload – over 3.1 million people
- LEADER Vendor: Unisys
- LRS Vendor: Accenture

Welfare Client Data System (WCDS)/CalWIN – 18 counties

- ~40% of statewide caseload – over 4.2 million people
- Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Orange, Placer, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma, Tulare, Ventura, Yolo
- Vendor: HPE

Consortium IV (C-IV) – 29 counties

- ~30% of statewide caseload – over 3.2 million people
- Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Glenn, Humboldt, Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Lake, Lassen, Madera, Marin, Mariposa, Mendocino, Merced, Modoc, Mono, Monterey, Napa, Nevada, Plumas, Riverside, San Benito, San Bernardino, San Joaquin, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tuolumne, and Yuba
- Vendor: Accenture

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