



FRAUD REDUCTION

Public Assistance Fraud Prevention/Reduction

The SunCoast region's Economic Self Sufficiency program (Department of Children & Families) developed and piloted a fraud prevention and reduction program that generated more than \$5 million savings in public assistance benefits. This program is now used throughout the department for estimated annual savings of over \$17 million and can be easily adapted by other state agencies. For more information, please contact Donna Lytwyn at (727) 639-0264 or email Donna_Lytwyn@dcf.state.fl.us. 2006-DCF-055

Child Daycare Center Fraud

Investigation of child daycare centers in South Florida that defrauded the state highlighted a lack of financial safeguards and led to more than \$350,000 in subsidies for recovery and use by those transitioning from welfare to work who need assistance with daycare costs. For more information, please contact Cynthia Rindone at (305) 470-5500 or email cynthiarindone@fdle.state.fl.us. 2006-FDLE-011

Medicaid Institutional Care Fraud

Investigation of a Medicaid institutional care case in the Jacksonville area used archived records from the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to establish that a former DCF employee knowingly entered false information regarding an applicant's monthly income. The erroneous information resulted in illegal disbursement of \$117,016 in Medicaid benefits. The former employee was prosecuted, sentenced to eighteen years of probation and ordered to make complete restitution. The success of this investigation may deter other employees who might be tempted to do the same. For more information, please contact Greg Holycross at (904) 360-5783 or email gregholycross@fdle.state.fl.us. 2006-FDLE-025

Public Housing Fraud

A financial crime investigator's sharing of information on subsidized child daycare program public assistance fraud with public housing authorities in Broward County resulted in more than \$50,000 being reimbursed by those who defrauded the program, thereby freeing up space for those who truly needed the assistance. For more information, please contact Quinn Northcutt at (305) 470-5500 or email quinnnorthcutt@fdle.state.fl.us. 2006-FDLE-010

Fraud Investigation Protocols

Investigative protocols developed by the State Fire Marshal's Office to deal with kitchen fires and fraudulent insurance claims can be adapted and implemented by state agencies, local fire departments, insurance companies and the private sector. Training seminars are available. For more information, please contact Ross Holt at the Department of Financial Services (954) 321-3704 or email ross.holt@fldfs.com. 2006-DFS-018

Audit Programs and Investigative Techniques

Audit programs and investigative techniques developed and used by the Office of Insurance Regulation to detect viatical fraud costing investors millions of dollars, are available to other state and federal agencies. For more information, please contact Ted Straughn at (850) 412-2474 or email ted.straughn@fldfs.com. 2006-DFS-025

For a list of adaptable achievements in the field of Fraud Reduction from the 2003-2005 awards competitions, please click [here](#).