By maintaining a registry of qualified providers, the IHSS Public Authority makes it possible for every client to find a well-matched care provider.

The County of Ventura Human Services Agency provides public services that offer support, hope and opportunity for improved well-being. Our programs help ensure the protection of children, the elderly, and dependent adults, and provide a safety net for individuals and families who need assistance with basic necessities, such as food, housing and health care. Additionally, we help people secure employment through education, training, job search skills and job placement.
Ventura County residents can receive help finding an in-home service provider to assist them with their household and personal care needs. Service providers enjoy fulfilling work that makes a difference in someone's life.

Connecting Clients to Resources
The Human Services Agency is here to help
After an applicant of In-Home Support Services (IHSS) is approved for services, the Human Services Agency connects clients who cannot find a provider to Ventura County’s IHSS Public Authority. The IHSS Public Authority works to improve the quality of in-home support services for older adults as well as adults and children with disabilities. The IHSS Public Authority maintains a registry of enrolled providers, helps match them with clients, educates providers and clients, and oversees payroll.

Acts of Care
Help for many needs
The Human Services Agency helps qualified older adults and adults and children with disabilities receive a wide variety of in-home support services.

Domestic and related services
Adults who are elderly or disabled are sometimes unable to perform important domestic and related tasks. Service providers help by doing light housekeeping, laundry, meal preparation and clean-up, shopping and errands.

Personal care
People with limited physical abilities often need help with personal care. Service providers assist clients with eating, bathing, dressing, and personal hygiene.

Medical accompaniment
Service providers can accompany people with physical limitations to their medical appointments. However, we cannot pay transportation expenses to and from the appointment.

Finding a Good Match
Partnering clients with providers
It is important that our clients and in-home providers are comfortable with each other, and that our clients take an active role in their own household. Most clients select a provider who is a family member or friend. But if they cannot find a provider, we connect them with the IHSS Public Authority.

We encourage our clients to interview potential providers about their knowledge of the community, work experience, available working hours, ethics, references, and any other issues that are important to them. Our clients almost make the final decision about who to hire and are responsible for hiring and terminating their provider.

Helping Those Who Help Others
Ensuring providers are treated fairly
Providers who are on the IHSS Public Authority registry receive ongoing support, referrals, and assistance with any caregiving issues that may arise.

In-home service providers who provide care for a family member or friend can become registry providers to assist others in need by attending an information and orientation session, submitting a registry application packet and participating in a registry provider interview. In addition, all in-home service providers, whether caring for a family member, friend or other person in need, must pass a criminal background investigation and complete the online State orientation videos.

For more information about the IHSS Public Authority, call 805-654-3416 or 805-306-7935.

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