



# THE VISION AND VOICE OF THE SFIHSS PUBLIC AUTHORITY

CIRCULATION 42,000 IHSS CONSUMERS AND WORKERS

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## Welcome to the April 2018 Public Authority newsletter!

Each year, the San Francisco IHSS Public Authority considers how we can expand IHSS services and improve the quality of life for both IHSS consumers and home care providers.

As you will see in this newsletter, we are pleased to offer services for our consumers in our One Stop Center, and we now offer fingerprinting services for potential home care providers.

Did you know that the California Department of Social Services has started a new service that will allow IHSS providers the option to submit

their timesheets online through a new Electronic Timesheet System? Once your consumer opts in to approve electronic timesheets, a provider will no longer be required to mail in paper timesheets, among other things. As a provider, you need to have a laptop, tablet or a computer. The consumer only needs to have a working telephone. Please contact us for more information.

Check out our website, [www.sfihsspa.org](http://www.sfihsspa.org), or come by our office to see what else is happening at the Public Authority.

—Kelly Dearman



*The graduating class of Providers who completed the March Basic Homecare Training*



*Our trained Mentors in the One Stop Resource Center, ready to assist Consumers*

## Welcome to the Public Authority's One Stop Resource Center

Our Resource Center is an IHSS Consumer-focused neighborhood hub dedicated to supporting Consumers in all matters regarding their in home supportive services.

We offer trainings, a resource library, workshops, referrals to our network of partners, individual assistance, linkage to our Mentorship Program, information and encouragement.

Our trained staff and Mentors are here to assist you every business day from 9am - 12pm and 1pm - 4pm. Consumer trainings are conducted at our site on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday's of every month from 10 - 11:30am. Snacks and beverages are available.

Please stay tuned for our Spring grand opening.

### UPCOMING TRAININGS

#### An Introduction to IHSS

2nd Tuesday of each month — 10am - 11:30am

March 13

May 8

April 10

June 12

#### How to Hire a Provider

4th Tuesday of each month — 10am - 11:30am

March 27

May 22

April 24

June 26

## Livescan Services

The Public Authority now offers Livescan services to our IPs who have completed the enrollment process and ready to be fingerprinted. Please bring your Livescan form and a current identification card to the Public Authority at 832 Folsom Street, 9th Floor, San Francisco. The cost for fingerprinting is \$15 with a DOJ fee of \$32. The total cost is \$47.00. We accept cash, money order, cashier's check, debit card, and credit card.

We offer walk-ins only at the follow schedule:

**Monday & Friday (9:30am - 11:30am)**

**Wednesday (1:30pm - 4:30pm)**



*Livescan fingerprinting services have begun*

# Advocacy Corner

As a consumer or provider of IHSS, your voice matters. Here are some meetings and events that might be of interest to you.

- SF IHSS Task Force: The Task Force brings together members of County IHSS, Homebridge, the Public Authority, SEIU Local 2015, consumers, providers and other advocacy groups on a monthly basis to talk about current happenings in IHSS. The meetings are usually on the first Thursday of each month in the mornings. For more information, please contact SDA at (415) 546-1333.
- Senior and Disability Action: SDA mobilizes and educates seniors and people with disabilities to fight for individual rights and justice. For more information, please contact them at (415) 546-1333 or visit their website at [www.sdaction.org](http://www.sdaction.org).
- The SF IHSS Public Authority Governing Body meets six times per year, during the odd months, from 1-3pm at the Public Authority office. If you are interested in attending these meetings to make a public comment, please contact Shakema Straker at (415) 243-4477 for more information.
- The Disability Capitol Action Day & Resource Fair will take place on Thursday, June 7th, 2018 from 8am - 3pm. Please contact Fiona Hinze at [fiona@ilrcsf.org](mailto:fiona@ilrcsf.org) or at (415) 543-6222 to reserve a seat with the ILRCSF bus. Please RSVP by Tuesday, May 15, 2018. Limited wheelchair seating available. For event details, go to: [www.DisabilityActionCoalition.org](http://www.DisabilityActionCoalition.org)

## When the Newsletter is Not Enough...

Once a month the Public Authority sends out eNews to over 800 IHSS Consumers, Providers, colleagues and legislators. Sign up to stay up to date on important issues, hot topics and what's new at the Public Authority.

If you're interested in staying informed please send your email address to [sstraker@sfihsspa.org](mailto:sstraker@sfihsspa.org).

# Re:Imagine End of Life

Are you living life to its fullest right now? Have you prepared for your end of life? Do you know the end of life wishes of your loved one, friend? Culturally we all come at this from different perspectives, and these are big questions that it's hard to think about alone.

IHSS is a consumer driven program designed to empower you to make your own decisions. To that end, the Public Authority is pleased to highlight the work of [www.prepareforyourcare.org](http://www.prepareforyourcare.org). If you were unable to speak for yourself, who would you want to speak for you? And more importantly, what healthcare decisions would you want them to make. The week of April 16-22 was National Advance Care Planning Week. We want to encourage all of you to discuss your future health care and preferences with those closest to you. Now is the time to start the conversation about what you value in your life.

Please visit our One Stop Center at the Public Authority for more information and resources on how you can start this conversation. You can also access more information online at [www.prepareforyourcare.org](http://www.prepareforyourcare.org) which is a step by step program with video stories to help you have a voice in your medical care, talk with your doctors and give those closest to you peace of mind.





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*The mission of San Francisco's IHSS Public Authority is to provide and promote a service delivery model of consumer directed, in-home support that maximizes the potential of older adults and people with disabilities to live independently and participate in their communities.*