

Expanding California's Safe at Home Program July 11, 2023

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Presentation Objectives

By the end of this presentation, you will have a better understanding about:

- 1. CA Safe at Home program**
- 2. Who we serve**
- 3. Recent program expansion**
- 4. What's next for Safe at Home**



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Safe at Home Program

- **Address Confidentiality Program for the state of California, administered by the California Secretary of State's Office.**
- **Services include mail forwarding, acting as a service of process agent, confidential name changes, confidential voter registration, and DMV records suppression.**
- **Partner with over 200 government agencies and nonprofits, who act as enrolling agencies.**
- **www.sos.ca.gov/registries/safe-home**



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Safe at Home Program Data

Currently: 6,212 total participants

All Time: 15,227 total participants served

Annually: 12% average growth in last five years

Monthly Average:

- **128 applicants enrolled**
- **11,396 pieces of mail processed**
- **75 enrolling agency staff trained**
- **12 participants register as confidential voters**
- **6 participants complete a confidential name change**



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Then to Now: Who We Serve

1999 - Domestic Violence Victims

2000 - Stalking Victims

**2002 - Reproductive Health Care Providers,
Workers, Volunteers, and Patients**

2006 - Sexual Assault Victims

2017 - Human Trafficking Victims

2018 - Elderly/Dependent Adult Abuse Victims

**2020 - Public Health Officials/Local Health
Officers (Executive Order)**

2022 - Public Entity Employees/Contractors



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SB 1131 Program Expansion

What is Senate Bill (SB) 1131?

It expanded Safe at Home program eligibility to include public entity employees and contractors who are in fear for their safety and have experienced threats of violence, violence, or harassment because of their work for a public entity.

Are there differences in requirements and services?

- Application fee
- Attestations and documentation requirements
- Services are the same



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SB 1131 Program Expansion (cont)

What has been the impact?

- **Created forms and procedures**
- **Established a payment system**
- **Modified database**
- **Identified and trained enrolling agencies who could assist**
- **Trained Safe at Home staff**
- **Conducted presentations**
- **Enrolled 14 public entity applicants**



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Looking Ahead

- **Additional funding**
- **More staffing**
- **Focused outreach**
- **Improved database**
- **Data collection and analysis**
- **Increase the number of enrolling agencies**
- **Increase the number of participants**



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**To find out more about
Address Confidentiality Programs nationwide:
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