Below is an overview of the two projects that comprise CDSS’ current ACL State Grant to Enhance Adult Protective Services.

**APS LEADERS INSTITUTE**

**Goal:**
Increase the capacity of Adult Services and APS administrators to coordinate, plan, and implement APS system improvements

**Key Project Partners:**
- **Subcontractors**
  - Adult Protective Services Workforce Innovations (APSWI), Academy for Professional Excellence at San Diego State University (SDSU)
  - National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA)
- **Partners**
  - Advisory Team comprised of County APS Managers and Adult Services Managers

**Approach/Strategy:**
- **Support APS Program Managers** to build upon federal and state APS guidelines, current research and best practices to enhance their capacity to drive program improvements. This will be accomplished by the following:
  - **Workshops:** NAPSA and APSWI will bring in national experts to deliver workshops immediately following 4-5 designated Protective Services Operations Committee meetings.
  - **Regional team planning and support:** Academy for Professional Excellence will support 3 meetings a year for each of the 4 Regional Teams throughout the state
    - The 4 regional teams are Southern, Bay Area, Valley Mountain and Northern
- **Increase Adult Service Managers’** knowledge of federal and state APS guidelines, current research and best practices, partnerships and funding opportunities to enhance engagement and support of their APS programs. This will be accomplished by the following:
  - NAPSA and APSWI will facilitate workshops for Adult Services Administrators immediately following 2 designated Adult Services Committee meetings
  - Adult Services Administrators will be invited and encouraged to attend 2 designated APS Managers’ workshops
**MSW STIPEND PROGRAM**

**Goal:**
Enhance the capacity of APS programs to meet the complex needs of vulnerable adults by increasing the number of MSW trained social workers working in APS

**Key Project Partners:**
- **Sub-contractors**
  - California’s Social Work Education Center (CalSWEC)
- **Partners**
  - University of California, Berkeley
  - San Jose State University
  - Bay Area APS programs
  - Bay Areas Social Services Consortium (BASSC)

**Approach/Strategy:**
Increase the number of MSW graduates working in APS by developing and evaluating a stipend program that supports aging and disability focused social work graduate education paired with an employment obligation to work in APS.