

# CRA NEWSLETTER

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Editor's New Agency Introductions, Taxonomy and Service Highlights



**This month's New Agency Introductions include:**

## **CA State Department of Child Support Services**

This Department provides administrative support for the local (County-based) Child Support Services Offices. Its **State Disbursement Unit**, however, has a new role in providing both the collection of Wage Assignment payments from employers of non-custodial parents, and in the disbursement of the payment to the custodial parent. The changes have been recently implemented. Since it is a statewide system now, all counties are affected. This means that all of a father's children in all counties of California, will receive an equal portion of his assessed support payment. The regulations and contact information may be reviewed on the Department's website at [www.childsup.ca.gov](http://www.childsup.ca.gov) There is a bilingual (Eng/Sp) toll-free hotline for employers with questions and for parents to call with any questions. **(866)249-0773**.

***Taxonomy Terms: Child Support Assistance/Enforcement (FT-300.160)  
Child Support Wage Assignment Assistance (FT-920.150)***

## **U S Government Department of Homeland Security – Immigration and Customs Enforcement**

The US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is a branch of the Department of Homeland Security that is charged with the enforcement of immigration and customs laws. The Department detains and removes illegal immigrants; investigates people, money sources, and materials that support terrorism; seeks to dismantle gang organizations by seizing their illegal financial assets; investigates fraudulent immigrant benefits applications and documents; investigates the illegal export of munitions and technology; assists in the capture of criminals who traffic or smuggle humans across the border; provides law enforcement to federal buildings; and targets criminal organizations that produce, smuggle and distribute counterfeit products. The general public can assist the investigative work of the department by calling the National Tip Line **(866) DHS-2-ICE**. The line accepts reports of illegal immigrants and other violations of immigration and customs laws.

***Taxonomy Term: Crime Reporting\*Undocumented Persons (FN-170\*YE-900)***



There are several NEW PROJECTS going on to enhance the database:

✚ We are adding new CONSULATES to the 81 already in PRISM.

The Newcomers are:

**Consulate General of Bahrain**  
**Consulate General of Cambodia**  
**Consulate General of Iceland**  
**Consulate General of the Republic of Kazakhstan**  
**Consulate General of Venezuela**

*Taxonomy Term: Consulates/Foreign Government Representatives  
(TF-850.140)*

✚ We have also added several new Branch Libraries to the County Public Library entries:

**County of Los Angeles Public Library - Hawaiian Gardens Library**  
**County of Los Angeles Public Library - Lake Los Angeles Library**  
**County of Los Angeles Public Library - Santa Clarity Valley Bookmobile**  
**County of Los Angeles Public Library - Sorenson Library**  
**County of Los Angeles Public Library - Westlake Village Library**

*Taxonomoy Term: Library Services (TJ-450)*

✚ Also new to the database are two Volunteer Recruitment organizations:

### **CaliforniaVolunteers**

This state-sponsored website can place interested volunteers in non-profit agencies for such services as adult education, tutoring, homeless services and disaster services. It is for adults, 18 and older, and is an online volunteer placement service. Check out the website at [www.californiavolunteers.org](http://www.californiavolunteers.org)

### **VolunteerMatch**

Similarly, adult volunteers may go online with this organization to find a variety of volunteer opportunities. The website is [www.volunteermatch.org](http://www.volunteermatch.org)

*Taxonomy Term: Volunteer Recruitment/Placement (TF-900.900)*