

SALARY: \$4,013.00 - \$5,399.00 Monthly

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DESCRIPTION:

The Department of Social and Health Services, [Office of Fraud and Accountability](#), has an opportunity for a **Welfare Fraud Investigator 2's** to conduct and resolve complex administrative investigations in order to substantiate allegations of welfare fraud in the Fraud Early Detection Program. This investigator will be working out of the Renton Community Service Office. This is a hybrid position, 2-3 days in office and rest at home/field.

King County employees receive 5% premium pay in addition to the advertised salary and are eligible to receive a free ORCA card for transportation use.

Your investigations will involve all public assistance programs administered by DSHS, including but not limited to:

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- Medical Assistance
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- Electronic Benefits Transfer
- Child care

Allegations investigated include household composition and unreported income among other situations that affect eligibility for public assistance programs.

Some of what you'll be doing:

- Complete fraud early detection investigations
- Identify, gather and preserve physical and documentary evidence
- Conduct witness and client interviews
- Analyze evidence to identify program and/or criminal violations
- Attend administrative or court proceedings
- Report safety incidents or concerns to management immediately

What we're looking for:

- Experience conducting interviews, analyzing documents, verifying information and making eligibility determinations for public assistance benefits or locating non-custodial parents for child support enforcement
- Knowledge of regulations and policies related to public assistance eligibility, including food assistance, medical assistance, general assistance, and childcare assistance
- Knowledge of methods, principles, standards, and techniques of investigations; interview techniques; rules of evidence; chain of custody of evidence; laws of search and seizure; Miranda Warning and Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
- Ability to analyze, comprehend, and adhere to policies, procedures, and directives
- Use a computer to access, analyze, interpret and organize information; analyze and evaluate facts and draw sound conclusions; and prepare a detailed investigative report
- Apply knowledge of investigative theory and technique to the type of investigation being conducted
- Work under pressure with continually shifting case priorities and deadlines
- Independently plan and investigate strategy and carry out administrative investigations in accordance with division guidelines and procedures.
- Communicate, comprehend, and translate information effectively; use clear and concise oral and written communication skills
- Maintain strict and complete confidentiality
- Use verbal de-escalation techniques, if necessary
- Contact witnesses and conduct surveillance to further investigations

Who should apply?

One year of experience as an Investigator 1.

OR

Three years of experience as an investigator with a criminal justice government agency or private organization, or other directly allied field.

Note: Two years of related college-level course work may be substituted for experience.

Desired:

Three years of experience as an investigator with a criminal justice agency or criminal investigative agency of the armed forces, or investigating personal backgrounds, unfair and deceptive business practices, insurance casualty claims, DSHS public benefits specialist, support enforcement officer or other directly allied field.

College-level course work with major emphasis in business administration, public administration, law, one of the criminal justice disciplines, or directly allied field may be substituted for the required experience on the basis of two years of college work for one year of experience, for all but one year of the required experience. OR Equivalent education/experience.

To Apply Include:

Resume
Cover letter
Three professional references

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Questions? Contact grant.grady@dshs.wa.gov and reference job number 01785

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DUTIES:

QUALIFICATIONS:

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

Prior to a new hire, a background check including criminal record history may be conducted. Information from the background check will not necessarily preclude employment but will be considered in determining the applicant's suitability and competence to perform in the job. This announcement may be used to fill multiple vacancies. Employees driving on state business must have a valid driver's license. Employees driving a privately owned vehicle on state

business must have liability insurance on the privately owned vehicle.

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