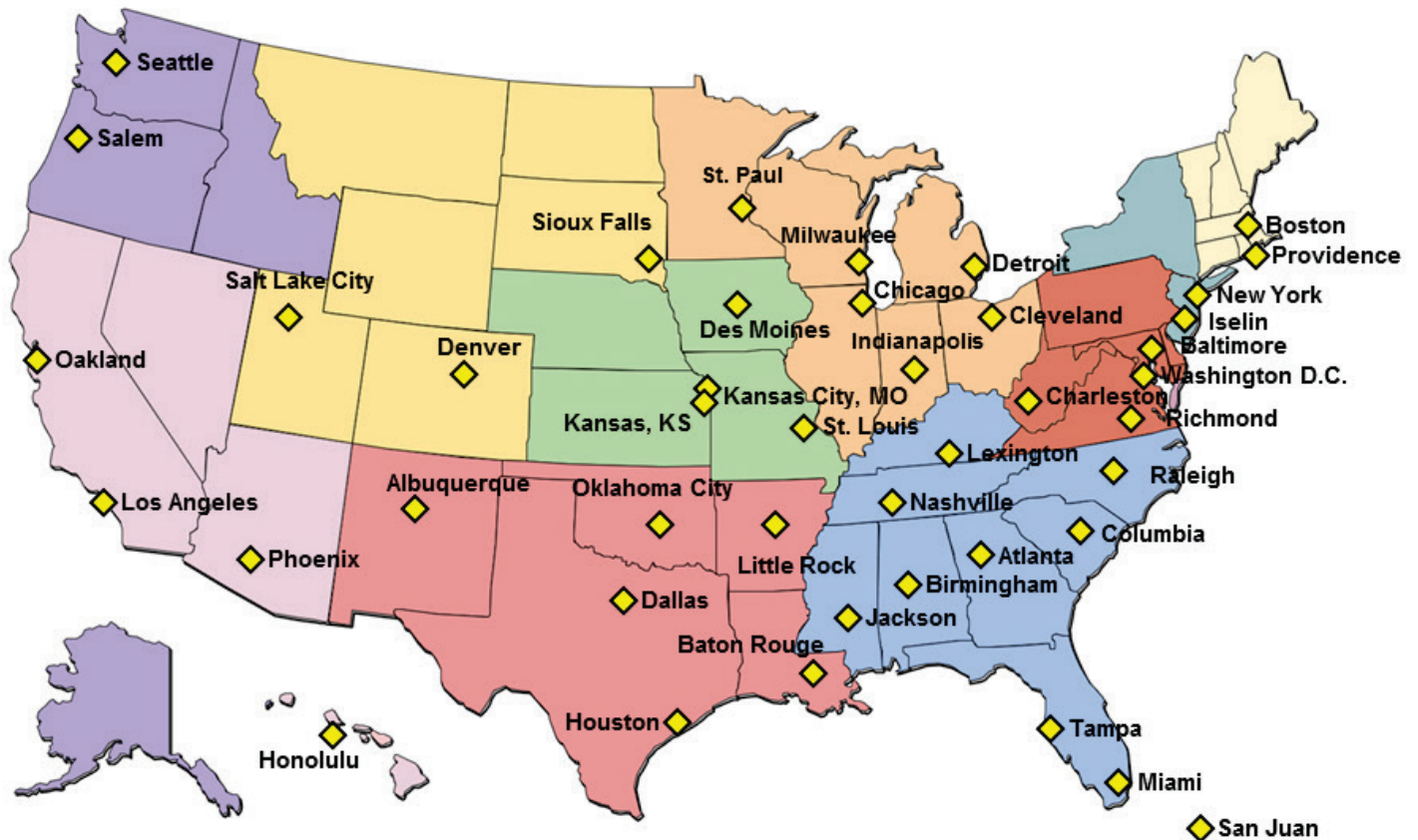


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Cooperative Disability Investigations Program



Preventing and Detecting Fraud

The Cooperative Disability Investigations (CDI) program, established in 1997, is a joint effort of the Social Security Administration (SSA) and the Office of the Inspector General (OIG), in partnership with State Disability Determination Services (DDS) agencies and State and local law enforcement agencies. The program currently consists of 43 units, covering 37 states, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

The partnership focuses on resolving questions of fraud in SSA's disability programs – and related benefit programs – to improve the integrity of these programs for all Americans. The CDI program accomplishes its mission by reviewing questionable disability claims and investigating cases of suspected disability fraud.

CDI Review

The process typically begins with a fraud referral from a DDS or SSA employee to the local CDI unit. We also receive fraud referrals from SSA's Office of Hearing Operations, private citizens, anonymous sources, and other law enforcement agencies. Disability fraud can involve malingering, filing multiple applications, concealing work or other activities, and exaggerating or lying about disabilities.

Our Outcomes

After review, state or local law enforcement team members investigate the fraud allegation. The CDI report of investigation is sent to the state DDSs to make timely and accurate disability determinations. If the CDI investigation identifies fraudulent activity, the case might also be presented to federal and state prosecutors for consideration of prosecution, OIG attorneys might consider the imposition of civil monetary penalties, or SSA might impose administrative sanctions.

Our Results

The CDI program helps to ensure only people who qualify, receive disability benefits from SSA. The financial benefits from this partnership distribute among SSA's disability programs and state programs such as Medicaid, food stamps and other state assistance programs. From inception through September 2018, the CDI program efforts (nationwide) resulted in \$3.9 billion in projected savings to SSA's disability programs and \$2.9 billion in non-SSA programs.

How Do I Report Fraud?

Reporting is easy, safe, and secure. You can reach us by internet, phone, mail, or facsimile.

Internet: <https://oig.ssa.gov/report>

U.S. Mail: Social Security Fraud Hotline
P.O. Box 17785
Baltimore, Maryland 21235

Fax: (410) 597-0118

Telephone: 1-800-269-0271 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time

TTY: 1-866-501-2101 for the deaf or hard of hearing

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