Hamilton County Welfare Fraud Unit

The Fraud Unit investigates all allegations of welfare fraud.

Allegations are received in a number of avenues including the

DSS staff, the public as well as local police and employers.

Cases are pursued both criminally and through court

proceedings.

The Fraud Unit has the responsibility for case preparation and presents all legal

documentation, supporting documentation and case overpayments to the District

Attorney’s office for final review.

**Confidential Fraud Tipline**

If you suspect a fraudulent act is being committed call the Confidential Fraud Tipline at:

**1-866-448-6662.** Callers can remain anonymous.

**Reporting Welfare Fraud**

If you suspect or have knowledge of a social services client fraudulently receiving

assistance from Public Assistance, Food Stamps or Home Energy Assistance (HEAP),

you should report it to the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance.

Some examples of situations that could be fraudulent are:

• Unreported Income (either earned or unearned)

• Hidden Assets (bank accounts, property, etc.)

• Unreported changes in Household Composition (either someone moved into the

home or moved out)

• Unreported changes in Shelter Costs

• False Parental Custody

• Food Stamp Trafficking (Allowing use of or selling EBT cards to others)

To report potential Welfare Fraud complete the Report Welfare Fraud Online Form.

https://reportwelfarefraud.otda.ny.gov

Once the form is completed, you will have the option to submit electronically or print and

mail or fax to the address indicated on the form.

Thank you for your assistance in helping to maintain the integrity of New York State's

assistance programs.

**Hamilton County, New York**

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