

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Inspector General

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October 8, 2010

The Honorable Adrian M. Fenty
Mayor
District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Mayor's Correspondence Unit 2nd floor, Suite 316
Washington, D.C. 20004

RE: SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY REPORT

Dear Mayor Fenty:

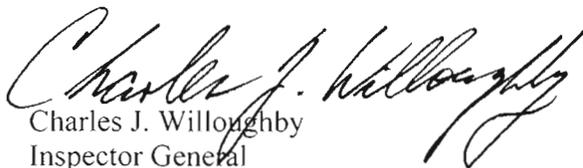
This report is to inform you of the recent plea and sentencing of Angela Cooks, a former employee of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA), who submitted fraudulent income and residency documents to obtain child care subsidies under the Office of State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) Child Care Subsidy Program.

On September 22, 2010, Ms. Cooks pled guilty to First Degree Fraud and was sentenced to 5 years of supervised probation, 100 hours of community service, and payment of \$10,962 in restitution.

The investigation revealed that in July 2008, Ms. Cooks provided to a private child development center located in the District of Columbia, her application and income documents which falsely stated that she was a D.C. resident and employed at a private company. Ms. Cooks, in fact, resided in Maryland and was employed by CSOSA, not the private company. Because Ms. Cooks' annual salary at CSOSA was \$34,058, she was ineligible for the OSSE Child Care Subsidies Program. Therefore, she fraudulently received \$10,962 in child care services. Ms Cooks was terminated from her position with CSOSA in August 2010.

If you need any additional information, please call me or Stacie Pittell, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, at (202) 727-2540. When calling, please reference OIG Control Number 2010-0072.

Sincerely,


Charles J. Willoughby
Inspector General

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