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- **Under the authority of the Commissioner, our mission is:**
 - To promote the integrity, efficiency and effectiveness of DHS programs and operations to assist the Department in meeting its mission
 - Conduct independent and objective audits, investigations, and other activities relevant to the DHS mission
 - Seek administrative sanctions, civil recoveries and/ or criminal prosecution of those responsible for fraud, waste and abuse in DHS programs and offices

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- **The OIG is currently comprised of five distinct units:**
 - Background Investigations
 - Residential Child Care
 - Benefits Recovery
 - Internal Investigations
 - Internal Audits

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Background Investigations Unit

- Criminal Records Section
 - Employees
 - Contractors
 - Foster Parents/Placement Resources
 - Emergency Placements
 - Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (GVRA)
- Electronic Fingerprints Section
 - Performs Statewide travel
 - IMPACT Classes
 - Courtesy Reviews of Criminal History Record Information

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Residential Child Care Unit

- Monitors, inspects, licenses
 - Child Caring Institutions
 - Outdoor Child Caring Programs
 - Child Placing and Adoption Agencies
 - Children’s Transitional Care Centers
 - Maternity Homes
- Responsible for
 - Initial and Annual Inspections
 - Follow-up Inspections
 - Investigation of complaints
 - Imposing Adverse Actions

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Benefits Recovery Unit

- Four Investigative Quads
 - Food Stamp
 - TANF
- Child Care and Parent Services (CAPS) Investigative Unit
- Claims and Collections
 - Establishes non-fraud Food Stamp and TANF claims in the ten most populous counties
 - Responsible for collection activities on all Food Stamp and TANF claims established in the State
 - Collections are made through the Federal Treasury Offset Program, State Debt Offset Program, and the reduction of public assistance benefits

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Internal Investigations Unit

- Employee Misconduct
- Contractor Misconduct
- Fraud, Waste, and Abuse in DHS programs
- Serves as a liaison to external law enforcement

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Internal Audits Unit

- Performs
 - Internal financial and compliance audits of DHS programs to provide information regarding fiscal and program activity
 - Makes recommendations for corrective actions and monitors agency response
 - Performs similar audit work in support of GVRA
 - Third Party Reviews of audits and financial statements performed by private sector auditors on organizations that receive departmental funds
 - Serves as DHS liaison with state and federal auditors to ensure timely and accurate responses are made to audits performed on the department by others

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- **The OIG is committed to:**
 - Developing a cohesive working relationship with other DHS Divisions and Offices to improve and preserve the integrity of programs throughout DHS
 - Maintaining the highest standards of conduct and confidentiality
 - Remaining fair and objective in the conduct of our work
 - Keeping the Commissioner updated with any issues or concerns under review

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