

Barry Zimmerman, Director

County of Ventura, Human Services Agency
Biographical Profile

Mr. Zimmerman has been employed with the County of Ventura for 20 years in a variety of positions and responsibilities. He also has experience working with the federal government, as well as the private sector in the defense industry and hazardous waste industry. He has held positions for the County of Ventura within the County Executive Office, Human Resources and Human Services Agency.



Mr. Zimmerman currently is the Director of the Human Services Agency. The Human Services Agency comprises of nearly 1,500 employees, a \$260 million budget and provides services to more than 220,000 residents. The Human Services Agency provides a range of social services including a safety net of services for individuals and families who need assistance, with food, employment, housing and health care. Additionally, HSA helps troubled families by protecting vulnerable children and seniors from abuse and neglect.

Under his direction, a number of cutting edge tools and technologies have been developed to better serve the community, including a new risk assessment tool for Adult Protective Services, which has been validated as an evidenced based model and is recognized nationally, with several states and jurisdictions throughout the nation implementing the “Ventura approach”. Ventura County also is the first in the nation to integrate multiple data systems for the benefit of foster care givers through a mobile application – Foster Health Link.

Mr. Zimmerman is the past president of the California Welfare Directors Association -2015 (CWDA).

Positions held: (County of Ventura)

Director, Human Services Agency (Current)

Director, Human Resources – County of Ventura

Deputy Executive Officer – Human Resources Benefits

Department Director, Administrative Services – Human Services Agency

Department Director, Business & Employment Services – HSA

Program Management Analyst – County Executive Office

Financial/Administrative Manager – HR, CAO, HSA