

# *Virginia Department of Social Services*

Presentation to the  
Health and Human Resources Subcommittee  
of the House Appropriations Committee

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People helping people triumph over poverty abuse and neglect to help  
build strong futures for themselves, their families and their communities

## *Presentation Highlights*

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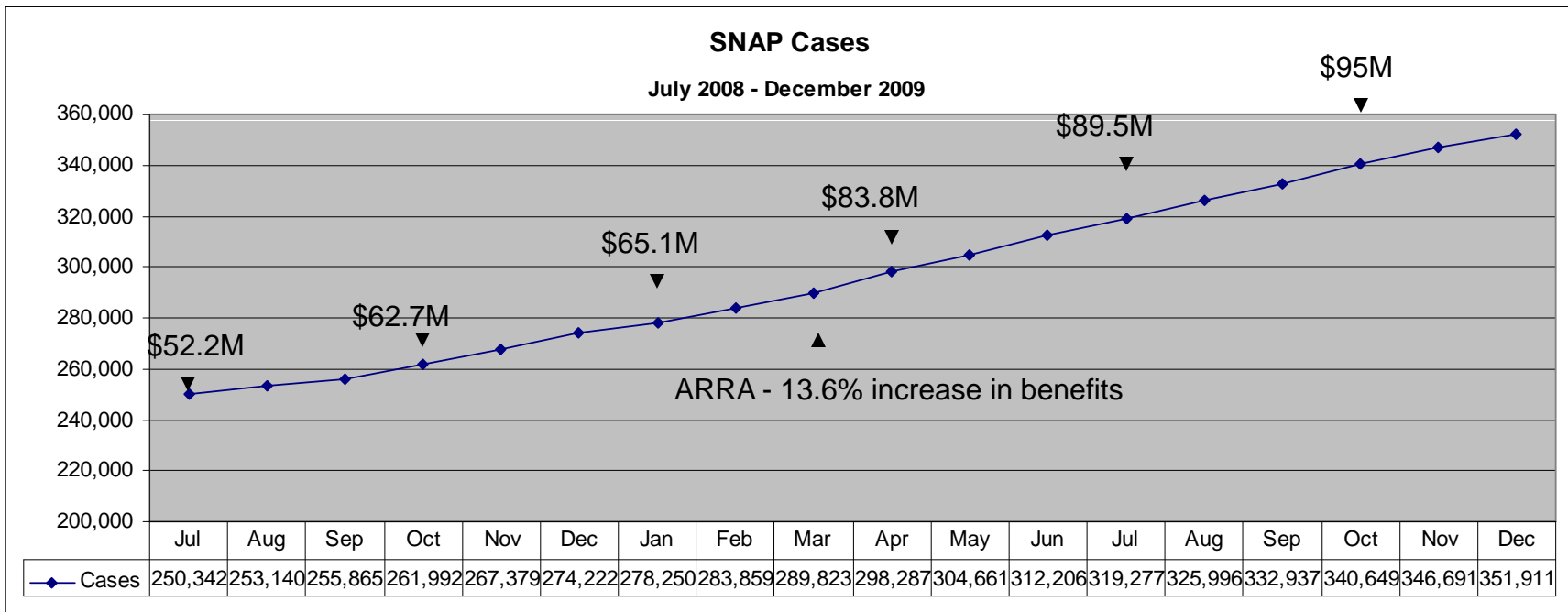
- VDSS Overview
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# *VDSS Overview*

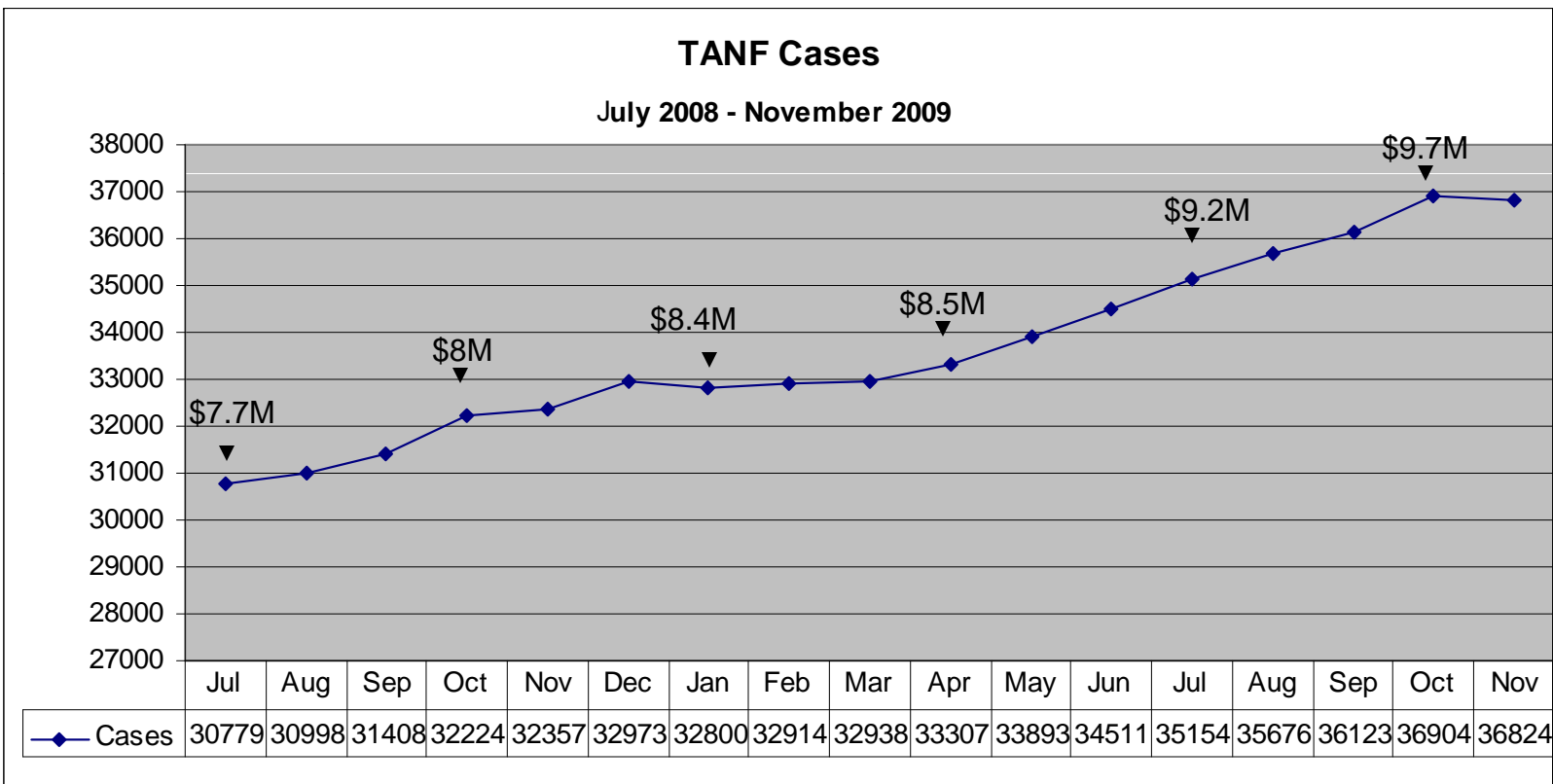
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- Service Delivery Model
  - State Supervised, Locally Administered
- Major Programs
  - Child Support Enforcement
  - CPS, Foster Care and Adoptions, APS
  - Benefit Determination for SNAP, TANF and Medicaid
  - Benefit Payments for SNAP & TANF
  - Child Care
- Funding Sources (excludes SNAP and Medicaid benefits)
  - Federal - \$776M or ~ 37%
  - Special - \$710M or ~ 34%
  - State - \$387M or ~ 19%
  - Local - \$200M or ~ 10%

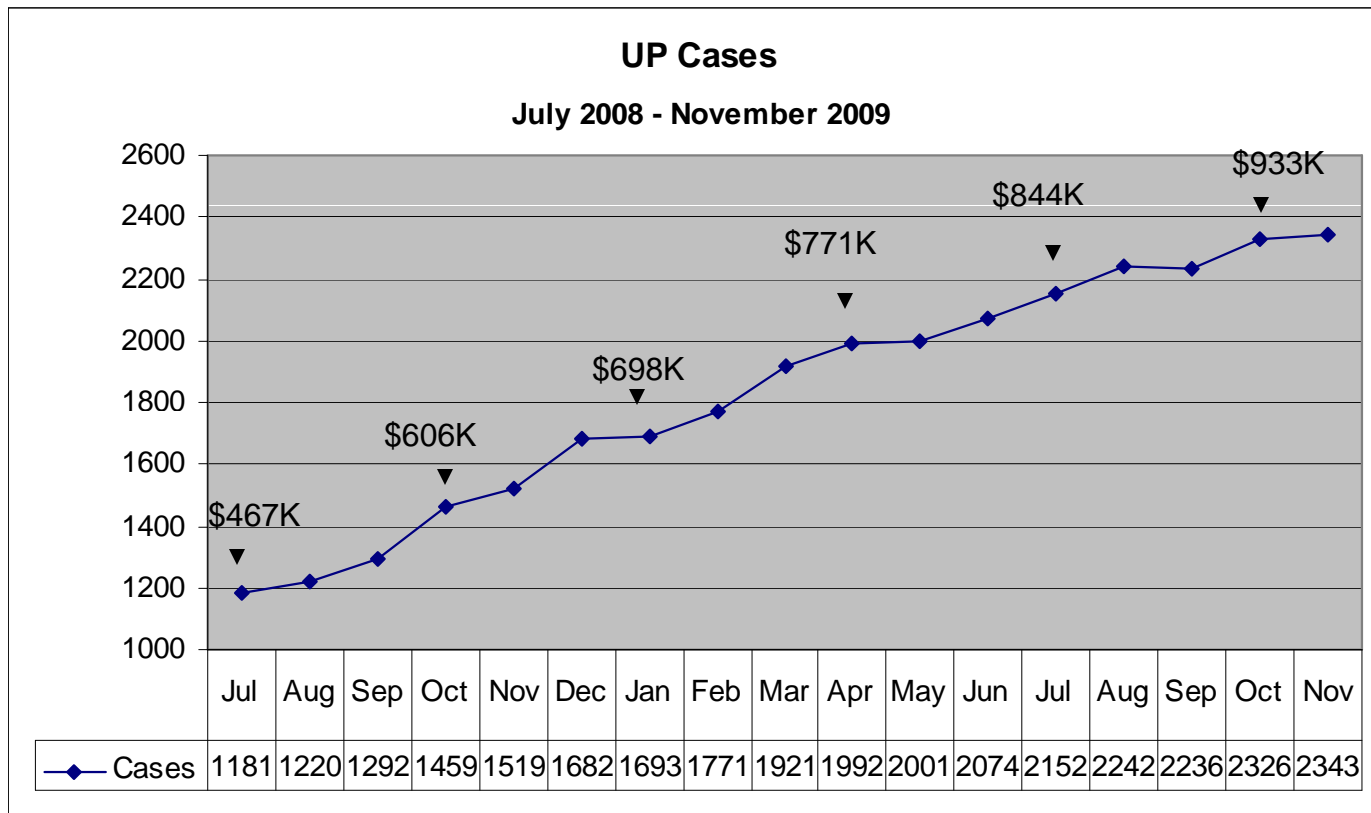
# Benefit Programs' Caseload Increases - SNAP



# Benefit Programs' Caseload Increases - TANF



# Benefit Programs' Caseload Increases - Unemployed Parent

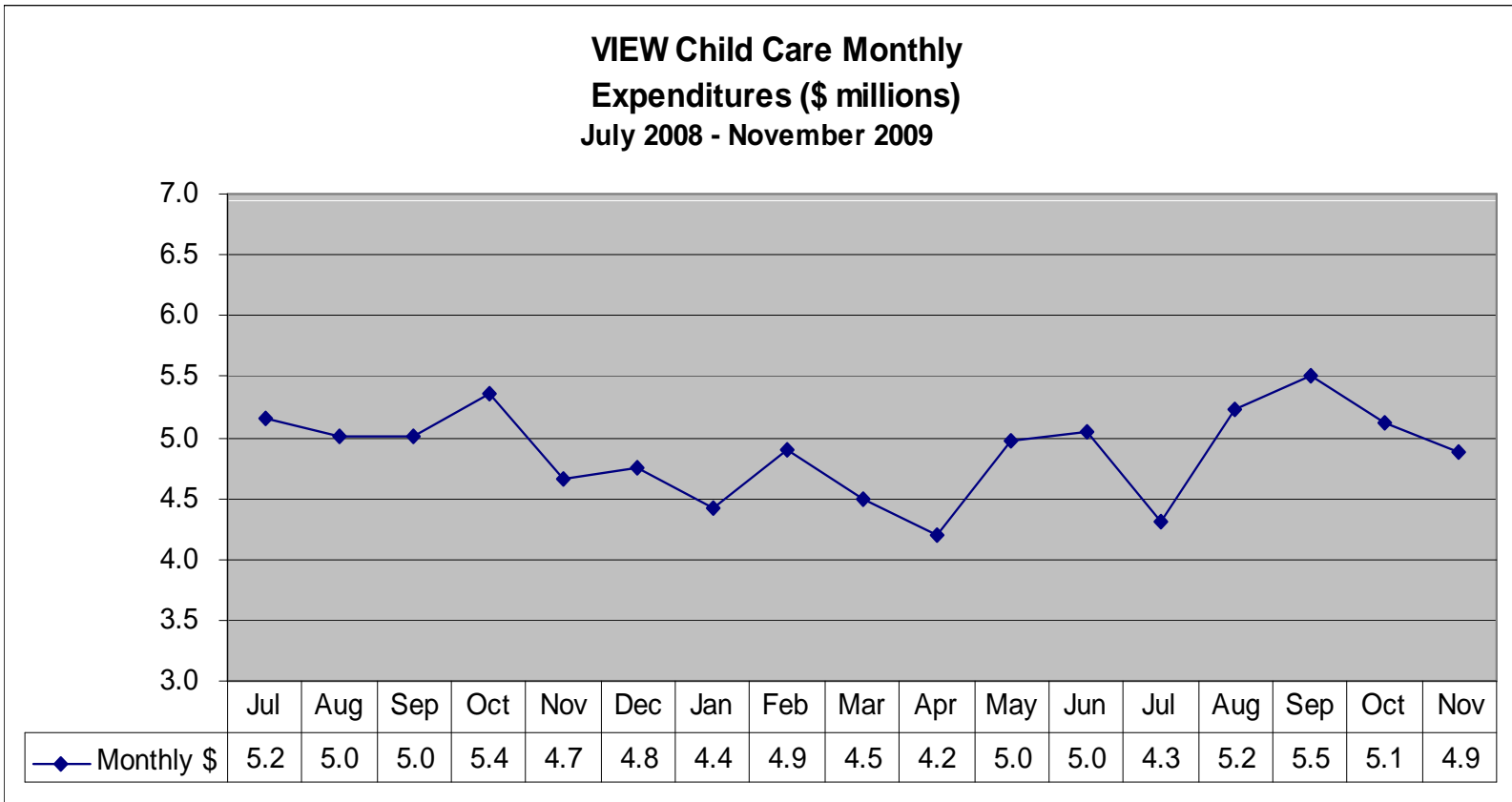


## *Unemployed Parent Program*

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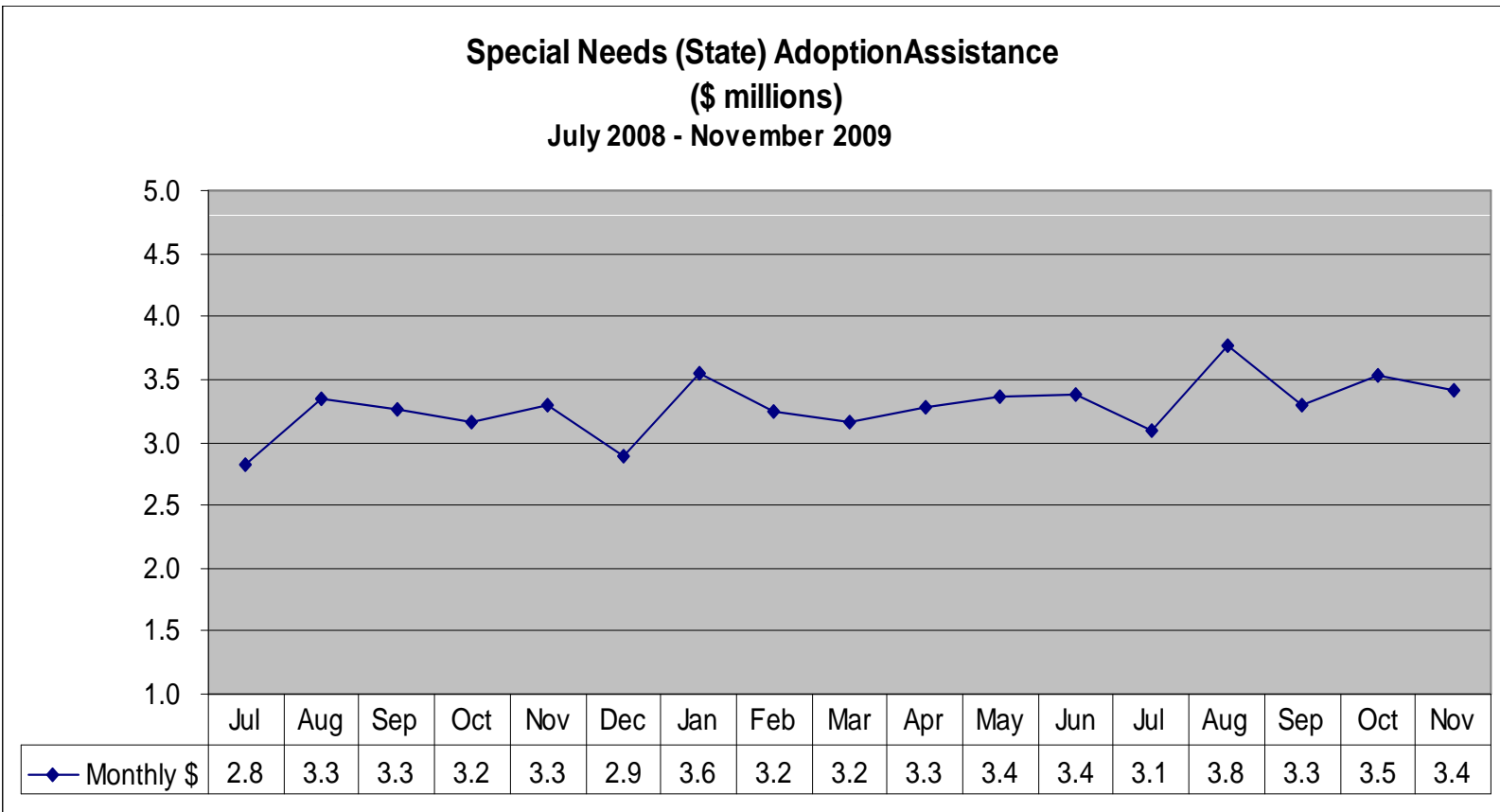
- Unemployed-Parent component helps keep two-parent households together
- Code of Virginia at §63.2-602.D. establishes the two-parent program
- Budget item 338 B. requires a separate state program funded by state funds

# VIEW Child Care Spending Trends

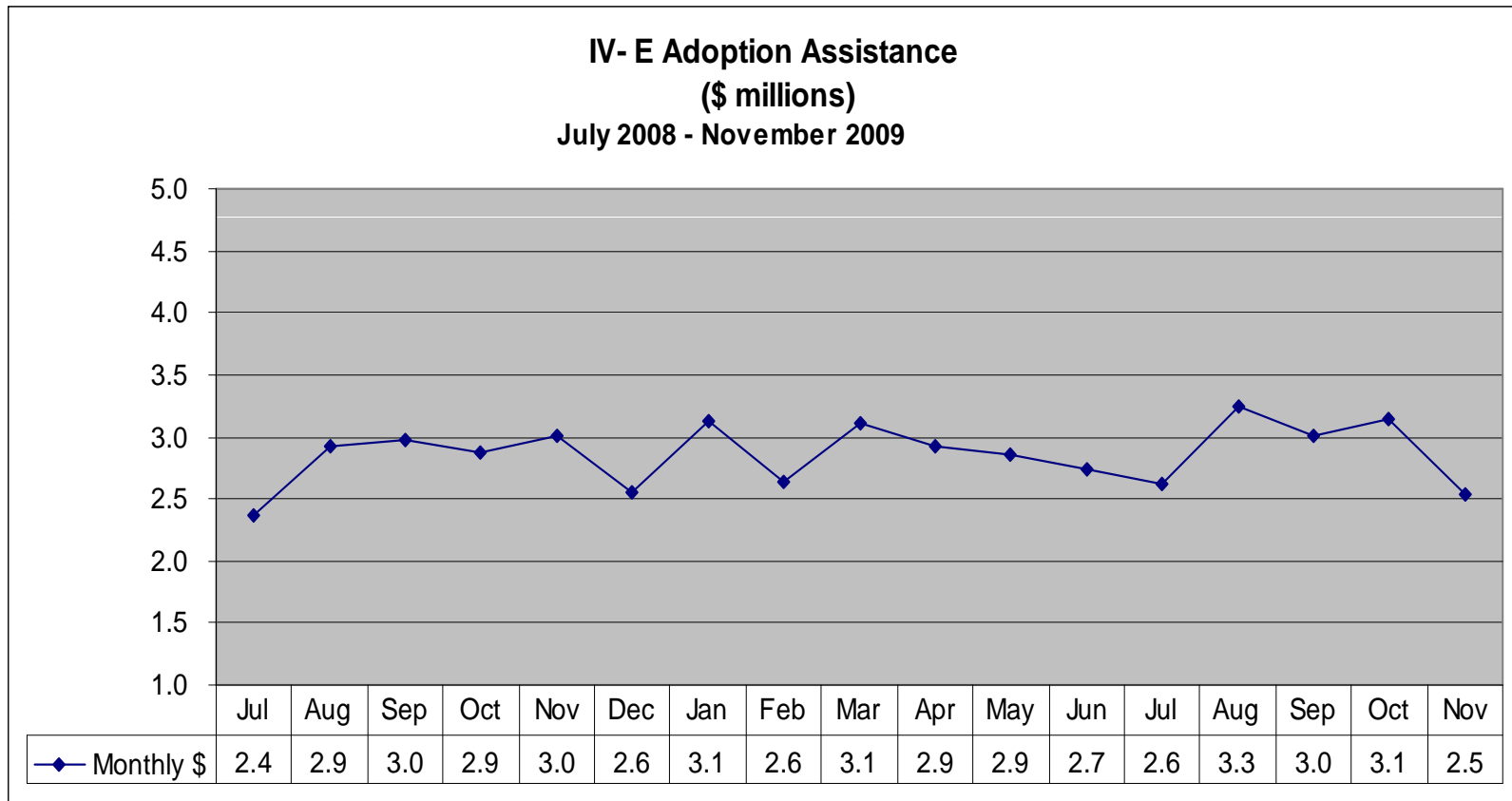




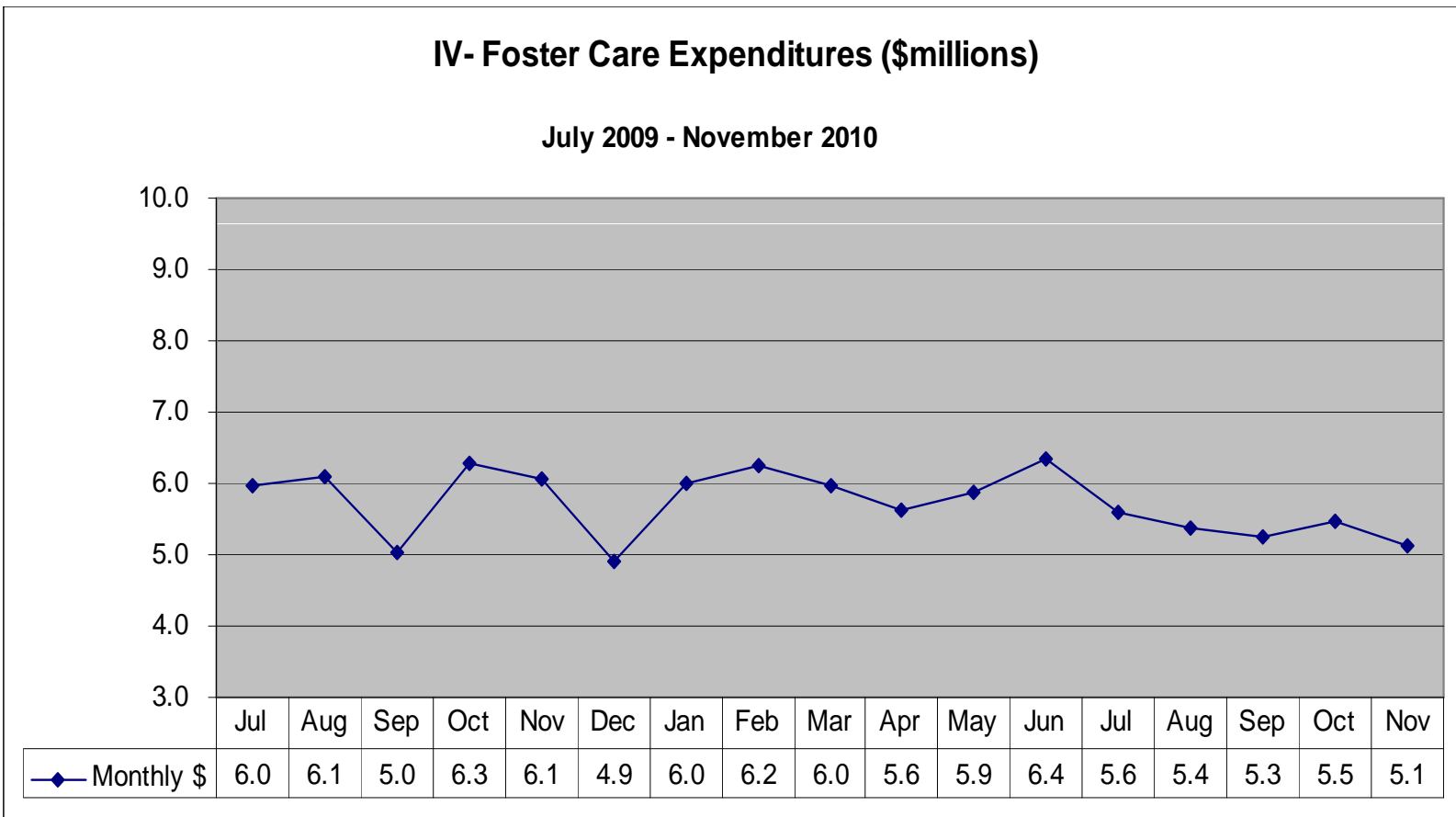
# Child Welfare Spending Trends – Special Needs Adoptions



# Child Welfare Spending Trends – Title IV-E Adoption Assistance



# Child Welfare Spending Trends – Title IV-E Foster Care



# *Budget Reduction Strategy*

## *Guiding Principles*

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- Minimize Impact on Clients
- Where Necessary, Consider Reductions to Non-mandated Programs
- Maintain Support to Local Departments of Social Services
- Consolidate Central Office Functions to Achieve Operational Efficiencies
- Review all Department Spending
- Focus on Core Functions
- Enhance Federal Funding Where Possible

## *Governor's Introduced Budget*

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- **Capture Programmatic Under Spending**
  - Auxiliary Grants - \$800K
  - Virginia Individual Development Accounts - \$400K
- **Fund ARRA Supplants/Title IV-E**
  - \$6.6M GF removed from the Foster Care program and replaced with ARRA funds
  - Child Welfare Services Transformation reduces funding required to \$3.9M in 2012
- **Enhance Federal Recoveries**
  - Obtain Additional Title IV-E Funding Through a Rate Structure for Daily Supervision – \$1.7M

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- **Limited Service Reductions**
  - Chore and Companion Services - \$1.4M
  - Other Purchased Services - \$1.6M
- **Slightly Reduce General Fund Support to Local Departments of Social Services**
  - 2011 - 1% General Fund Reduction = \$1.163M
  - 2012 - 1% General Fund Reduction = \$1.157M
- **Other Reductions Impacting Local Employees**
  - 50% Reduction to Contract Training - \$2.8M
  - Eliminate Stipend Program - \$900K
- **Increase Child Registry Search Fee**
  - Raises fee from \$5 for central registry search to \$7
  - Generates \$130K per year

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- Reduce General Fund Support to the Central Office
  - Reorganize and Reduce Central Office Administrative Functions - \$2.23M
    - \$1.112M in 2011
    - \$1.118M in 2012
    - Includes elimination of 25 classified positions
  - Central Office Administrative Reductions - \$354K
- Reduce General Fund Support to Non-Governmental Agencies
  - Reston Interfaith - \$100K
  - Truth of Vision Ministries - \$150K
  - Child Advocacy Centers - \$30K
  - EITC Coalition - \$65,250
  - Virginia Early Childhood Foundation - \$450K
  - Georgetown South Community Renovations - \$200K
  - Alexandria Parent Leadership Training Institute - \$20K

## *Governor's Introduced Budget*

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- Annual TANF Structural Imbalance of \$24M
- Complicated by Projected Benefit Increases of \$16M Annually for FY10, FY11 & FY12
- TANF Gap Widens to \$96M for Biennium
- Strategies to Resolve the TANF Funding Shortfall
  - Capture TANF Savings in Child Care and Employment Services - \$24M
  - Leverage TANF ARRA Emergency Fund Recoveries - \$27M
  - Reduce Expanded TANF Program Spending by \$36M
- Leaves TANF Structural Imbalance of ~ \$10M going into FY13



## *Governor's Introduced Budget – Expanded TANF Program Reductions*

	2011	2012
<b>Healthy Families/Health Start</b>	<b>(1,915,473)</b>	<b>(5,472,779)</b>
Community Action Agencies (Includes \$100,000 for Tri-County CAA)	(2,116,610)	(3,256,323)
<b>Homeless Assistance and Prevention (DHCD)</b>	<b>(3,682,596)</b>	<b>(4,910,128)</b>
<b>Local Domestic Violence Grants</b>	<b>(693,750)</b>	<b>(1,387,500)</b>
TANF Child Support Supplement	-	(4,800,000)
Centers for Employment and Training	(637,500)	(637,500)
Domestic Awareness Campaign	(127,500)	(127,500)
Child Advocacy Centers	(190,000)	(190,000)
Comprehensive Services Act Trust Fund	(965,579)	(965,579)
<b>Comprehensive Health Investment Project (VDH)</b>	<b>(1,070,945)</b>	<b>(1,070,945)</b>
Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Programs (VDH)	(455,000)	(455,000)
Partners in Prevention (VDH)	(382,500)	(382,500)
Individual Development Accounts	-	-
Total	<b>(12,237,453)</b>	<b>(23,655,754)</b>

## *Governor's Introduced Budget*

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- **General Fund Increases**
  - Unemployed Parent Benefit Payments - \$7.2M first year
  - Federation of Virginia Food Banks - \$1M first year
  - Offset
    - TANF Reduction to Healthy Families –\$1.4M first year, \$4.9M second year
    - TANF Reduction to Domestic Violence Grants - \$555K first year, \$1.25M second year

## *Continuing Budget Challenges*

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- **Both Years**
  - VITA Costs
  - Child Support Enforcement Funding
- **Second Year**
  - Unemployed Parent
  - Anticipated Adoption Cost Increases

## *Presentation Summary*

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- Budget reductions reflect the impact of difficult choices
- Clients will be impacted
- Local Departments will be impacted
- Caseloads in benefit programs have increased dramatically due to economic conditions