

# **Health & Human Resources Subcommittee of the Senate Finance Committee**

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Current conditions do not provide any hope that local departments of social services can continue to tread water, with significant client services growth, decreased resources, allocation reductions over multiple years, and increased complexity, intensity and severity of client needs..

**We can't continue to do it well**

We are genuinely concerned about our ability to meet the needs of our citizens as we attempt to meet state and federal mandates for service and still adhere to state –identified best practices

## **Impact of the Recession on Local Social Services**

5% Reduction	FY -10-11	FY 11-12
GF	\$2,805,096	\$2,994,273
NGF	\$3,976,710	\$4,308,103
328 #1s (Reynolds)		
328 #2s (Houck)		

## Budget Amendment Offered Restore 5% Administrative Reduction

- Due to the infusion of federal ARRA funds, the scheduled reduction of 2.4% in FY 10-11 was reduced to 1.35%, thereby reducing the negative fiscal impact upon agencies in that year.
- For FY 11-12, ARRA funds are not available and are removed from the base budget.

## **ARRA Impact on Local Social Services Funding**

		FY 10-11		FY 11-12
	2.4% Reduction	ARRA Funds	Net Reduction	2.6% Reduction
GF	2,805,096	1,277,230	1,577,867	2,994,372
NGF	3,976,710	1,739,811	2,236,899	4,308,103

## ARRA Funding

GF Requested	GF Requested
FY -10-11	FY 11-12
\$1,577,876	\$2,994,372

## General Funds Need to Restore the 5% Reduction

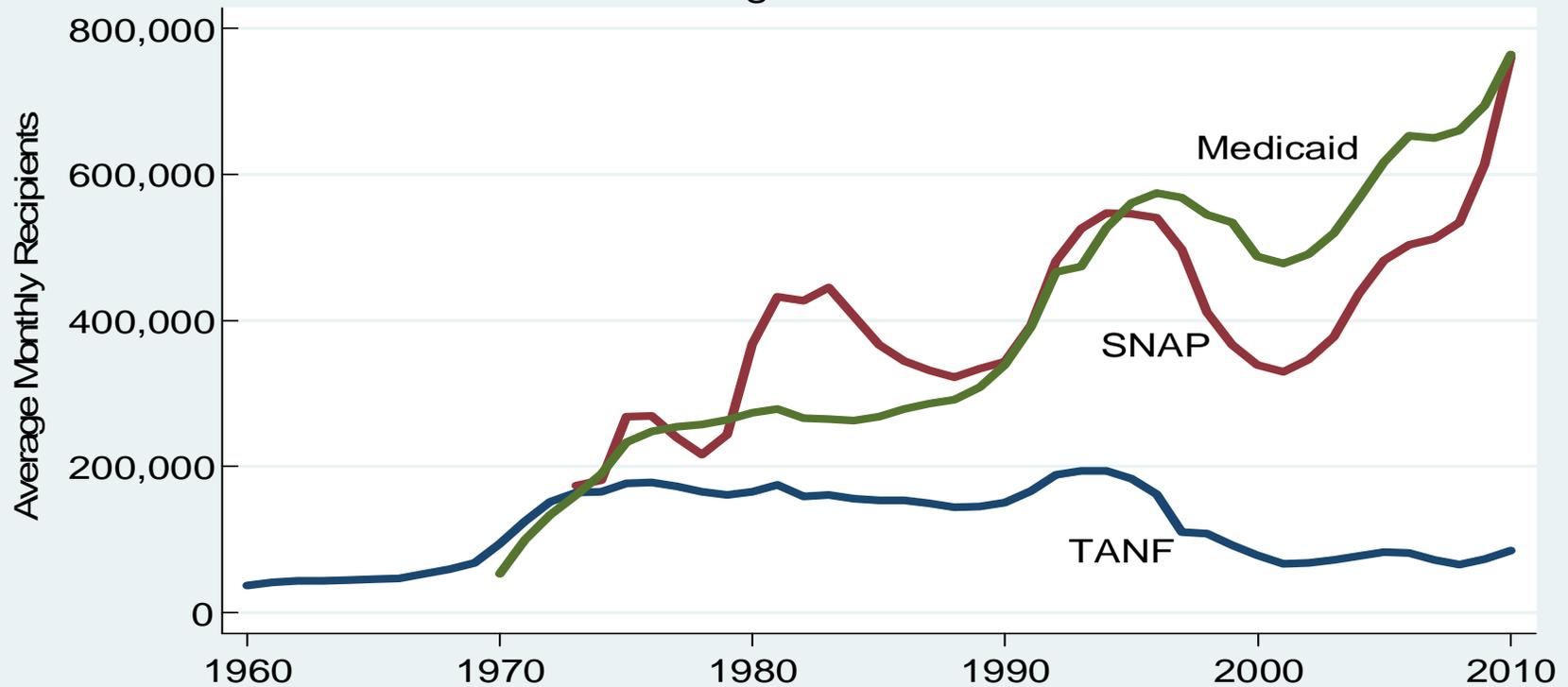
## Individuals Enrolled

Medicaid	902,336
SNAP	837,005
TANF & TANF UP	86,291
Children w/Child Support Cases	422,269
Children in Foster Care	6,041

- Statistics: Virginia Department of Social Services December 1, 2010

# Virginia Social Services Statistical Overview

## Average Monthly Recipients by Program Virginia 1960-2010



Source: [http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofa/data-reports/caseload/caseload\\_archive.html](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofa/data-reports/caseload/caseload_archive.html) (TANF);  
VDSS Quarterly Statistical Reports (1970-1992) and VDSS Annual Statistical Reports (1993-2010)

# Local Case Load Growth

- **Definition of Administrative Allocations**
  - For local departments of social services The Appropriations Act use the state Department of Planning & Budget definition that assigns all program staff as administrative allocations to local services social agencies.

## **Reimbursement from Funds Poll Administrative Allocations**

- The economic recession facing Virginia has had a significant impact on local social services agencies.
- The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) caseload has increased by over 60 percent since July 2007.
- One in every 10 Virginians now depend on SNAP to meet their nutritional needs.

## **Impact of the Recession on Local Social Services**

Since July 2007:

- The TANF caseload has increased by over 17 percent, currently over 37,000 cases.
- Unemployed Parent (UP) caseload has doubled, now over 2,400 cases.
- The number of individuals receiving Medicaid has increased by 14 percent, over 827,000 Virginians receive Medicaid while more than 54,000 receive FAMIS.

## **Impact of the Recession on Local Social Services**

- Application and caseload increases have been more severe in localities not accustomed to large caseloads
- Cities like Richmond and Norfolk that already had a high saturation of SNAP cases have increased application rates of 35 and 38 percent, respectively.
- Other localities like Fairfax, Pr. William, Henrico, Hanover and Chesterfield have seen application rates increase by 70 to 80 percent.

## **Impact of the Recession on Local Social Services**

- Local social services challenges remain the same.
  - Increased Volume
  - Increased Complexity
  - Resources that have not kept pace

## Looking Ahead

- Thank you for this opportunity to provide the Subcommittee information on the need to restore the 5% administrative reduction adopted in the 2011 Session.
- We request your support for Senator Houck and Senator Reynolds Budget Amendments.
- We have provided to the Subcommittee a “White Paper” that makes the case and additional statistical support for the restoration.
- Pleased to respond to questions.

## Conclusion