

4/22/2014 LA County CNAP meeting notes
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UPDATE on WIC referral by DPSS during intake:

DPSS does refer participant to WIC as required per CalWORKs policy. Please see below for further details. The flyer (attached) is distributed to all CalWORKs applicants during the intake process.

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(h) WIC Referrals

The county welfare department shall refer all pregnant recipients of aid to a local provider of the Women, Infants, and Children program.

CalFresh Presentation Key Points.

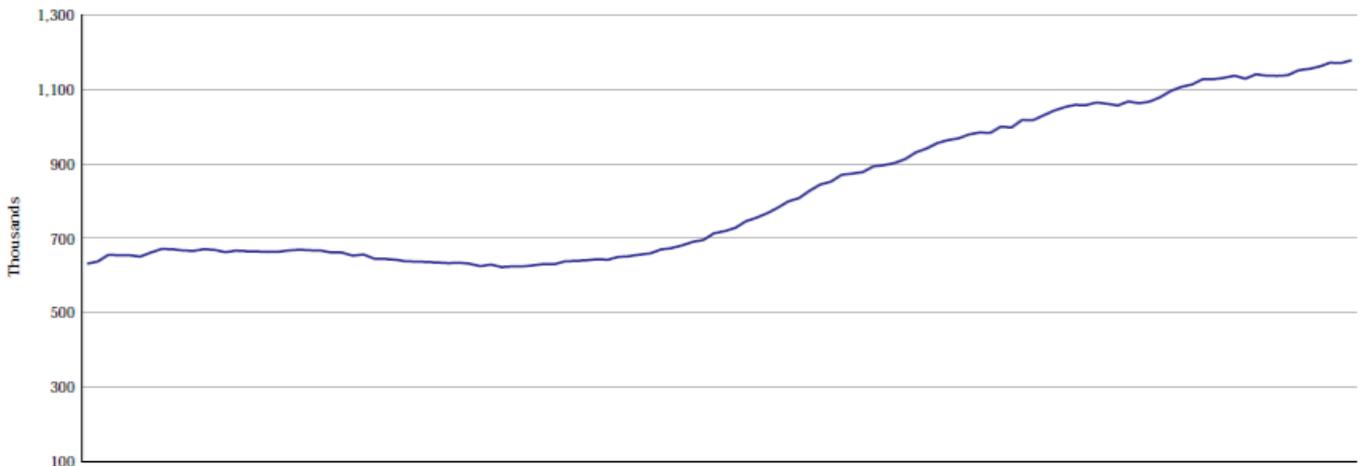
- DPSS provides services to the same population as other with work group members.
- Sharp increase in the CalFresh Population due to the economy.
 - In January 2008: 644,368 persons on CF
 - In December 2013: 1,177,740 persons on CF
- According to the Californian Department of Social Services (CDSS):
 - There was a statewide, average monthly CF caseload of 1,831,572.
 - Los Angeles County's average monthly CF caseload was 514,478.
- CalFresh Utilization:
 - State average utilization of 67.8%.
 - LA County's utilization is 59.1%.
 - Compare this to our 2010 utilization, which was 41.4%.
 - Although, LA County increased utilization by approximately 18%, it still means that about 40% of individuals who may be eligible for CF, are not receiving.
- To close the utilization gap,
 - CF Program has developed relationships with community organizations.
 - Implementing Horizontal Integration
 - Program designed to identify potentially CF eligible participants by using their existing Medi-Cal information.
 - We are currently in the process of implementing this.
 - AB 402
 - Program intended to identify potentially CF eligible children through their participation in the National School Lunch Program.
 - The opposite of the direct certification program where DPSS provides schools and school district with CF information they use to determine eligibility for free and reduced meals for their students.
 - CalFresh Awareness Month
 - Yearly effort to increase awareness of the CalFresh Program.
 - On 5/6/2014, the Board of Supervisors will officially proclaim May 2014 as CalFresh Awareness Month.

- Many events throughout the month of May.
 - Participation by over 40 community partners.
 - Outreach Mobile unit travels to locations throughout the month to not only increase awareness and answer questions, but also take applications.
- CNAP member's involvement
 - They are out in the community every day and assist them with obtaining a variety of benefits and services.
 - Many of those same participants may be eligible for CalFresh. It's ok to make a referral.
 - Educate participants and dispel myths, such as:
 - CalFresh is a Public Charge.
 - Not eligible because they work.
 - CalFresh may affect their immigration status or the immigration status of their children.
- We have an excellent opportunity to use our resources and coordinate our services to have a significant positive impact on the nutrition of LA County Residents.

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Persons Aided - CalFresh
 January 2004 to December 2013



	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
January	632,052	668,997	661,664	631,850	644,368	719,388	873,906	983,972	1,061,099	1,136,598
February	638,116	663,088	653,479	625,321	642,827	728,164	877,708	982,952	1,056,530	1,128,269
March	656,154	667,068	657,003	629,729	650,233	745,955	893,254	999,836	1,067,474	1,140,185
April	654,400	665,689	645,412	622,860	652,132	755,533	896,310	997,431	1,062,493	1,136,567
May	654,425	665,018	644,941	624,750	656,361	767,382	902,170	1,017,987	1,067,010	1,135,966
June	651,213	663,654	642,842	624,827	659,778	782,354	912,861	1,016,668	1,078,877	1,137,764
July	662,139	664,358	638,219	627,626	670,143	799,325	930,781	1,029,907	1,095,676	1,150,909
August	671,442	667,652	637,972	631,525	673,922	807,965	941,140	1,042,754	1,106,581	1,154,695
September	670,871	669,642	636,555	630,752	681,301	827,823	955,463	1,052,181	1,112,889	1,161,054
October	667,536	667,981	635,344	638,796	690,571	844,497	963,522	1,058,355	1,127,190	1,171,438
November	666,183	667,264	633,506	639,412	695,872	852,054	968,213	1,057,476	1,126,961	1,170,317
December	671,176	661,703	634,763	641,215	713,748	870,368	978,920	1,064,647	1,130,714	1,177,740