



Department of Human Services

Our mission is to strengthen families, assure safety, promote self-sufficiency and improve the quality of life in our community.

How do we achieve our mission?

- Child and Adult Protective Services
- Assistance Programs
- Community Resources



Child and Adult Protective Services

Child Welfare

- 11,017 Child abuse or neglect cases in 2008
- 12.8 % increase from 2007

Adult Protection

- 1,300 neglect, abuse or exploitation of the elderly in 2008
- 30% increase from 2007



Child Protective Services Intake

- Assesses and reviews all child abuse and/or neglect allegations
- Services are directed toward alleviating risk in order to protect children, and when possible, keep the family intact
- A 24-hour child abuse hotline is available for reporting child abuse and/or neglect situations 444-5700



Assistance Programs

- Colorado Works (TANF)
- Food Assistance
- Family Medical
- Adult Financial
- Long-Term Care Service
- Child Care
- Adult Medical Programs



Funding

- For every \$1 of local funds DHS is able to leverage about \$8 in state and federal dollars
- In 2008 El Paso County invested \$1.2M for the administration of Food Assistance and Medicaid which generated \$419.2M for the local economy



Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

- Provides cash assistance to low-income families
- New approach to helping families escape from poverty
- To receive money you must have children
- Recipients sign a contract agreeing to do certain things to achieve self sufficiency

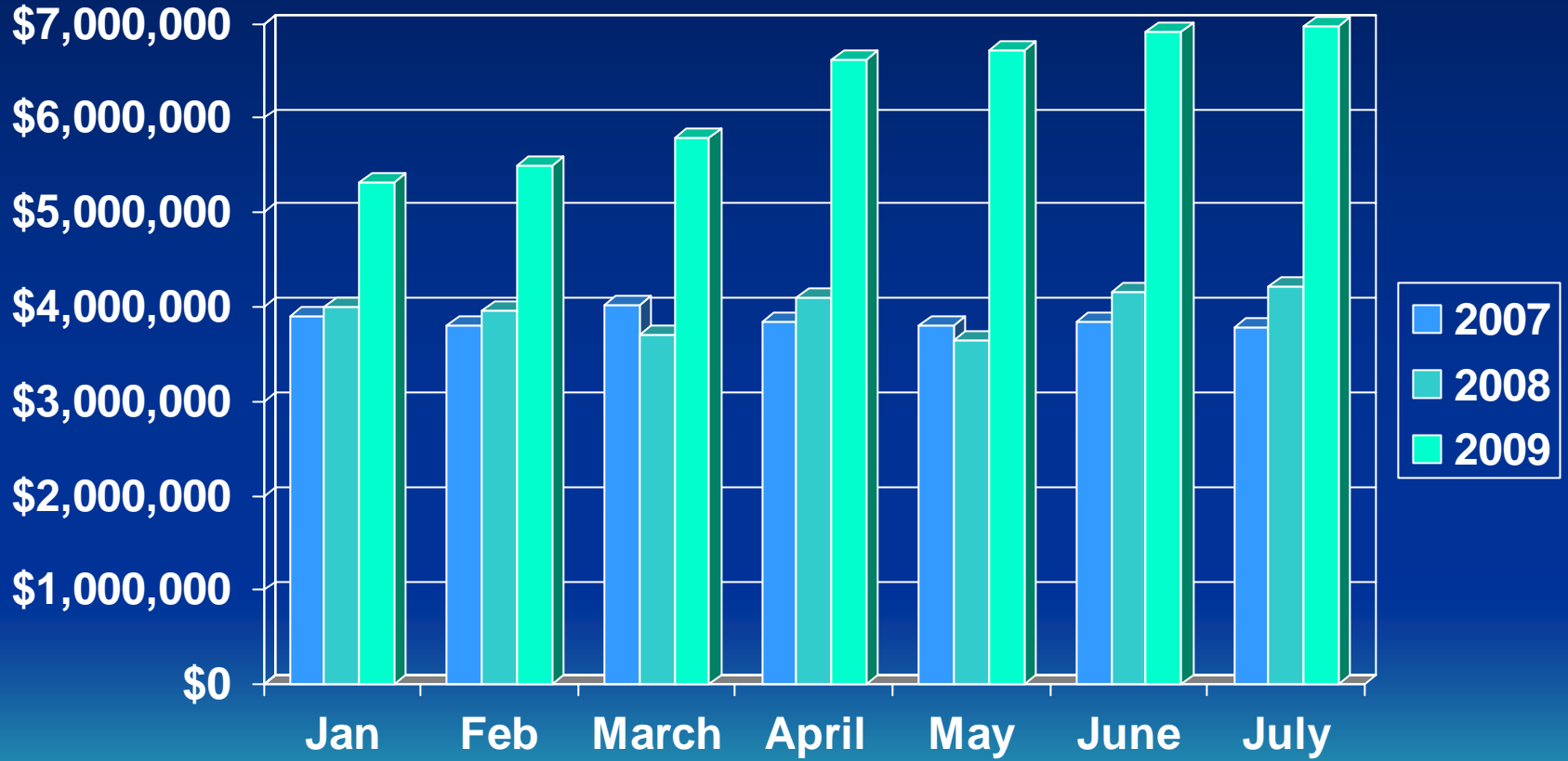


Food Assistance



- Enables low-income families to buy nutritious food with an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card
- Food Assistance recipients spend their benefits to buy eligible food in authorized retail food stores

Food Assistance Dollar Comparison



Community Resources

- Goodwill
- Faith Partners
- TESSA
- CASA
- Connect Care
- Pikes Peak Behavioral Health
- Community Partnership for Child Development



Community Programs for DHS Families

Women Helping Women



Christmas for Kids



Piecing Partners



Church Women United Easter Baskets

