



Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Putting Healthy Food Within Reach

SNAP- Key Part of the Safety Net

	Feb. 2008	April 2011	Increase
Persons	27.7 M	44.6 M	61%
Households	12.4 M	21.1 M	70%
Benefits	\$2.8 B	\$6.0 B	113%
Per Person	\$100	\$133.27	33%

Today SNAP serves 1 in 7

“Other” FNS Programs

- National School Lunch Program
 - School Breakfast Program
- Child and Adult Care Food Program
 - Summer Food Service Program
 - Women, Infants, and Children
 - Food Distribution Programs

Foundations of Partnership

- Shared populations

- Shared goals

- Shared delivery systems

- Shared resources





Shared Customers

- TANF
- Unemployed
- Day Care
- Elderly

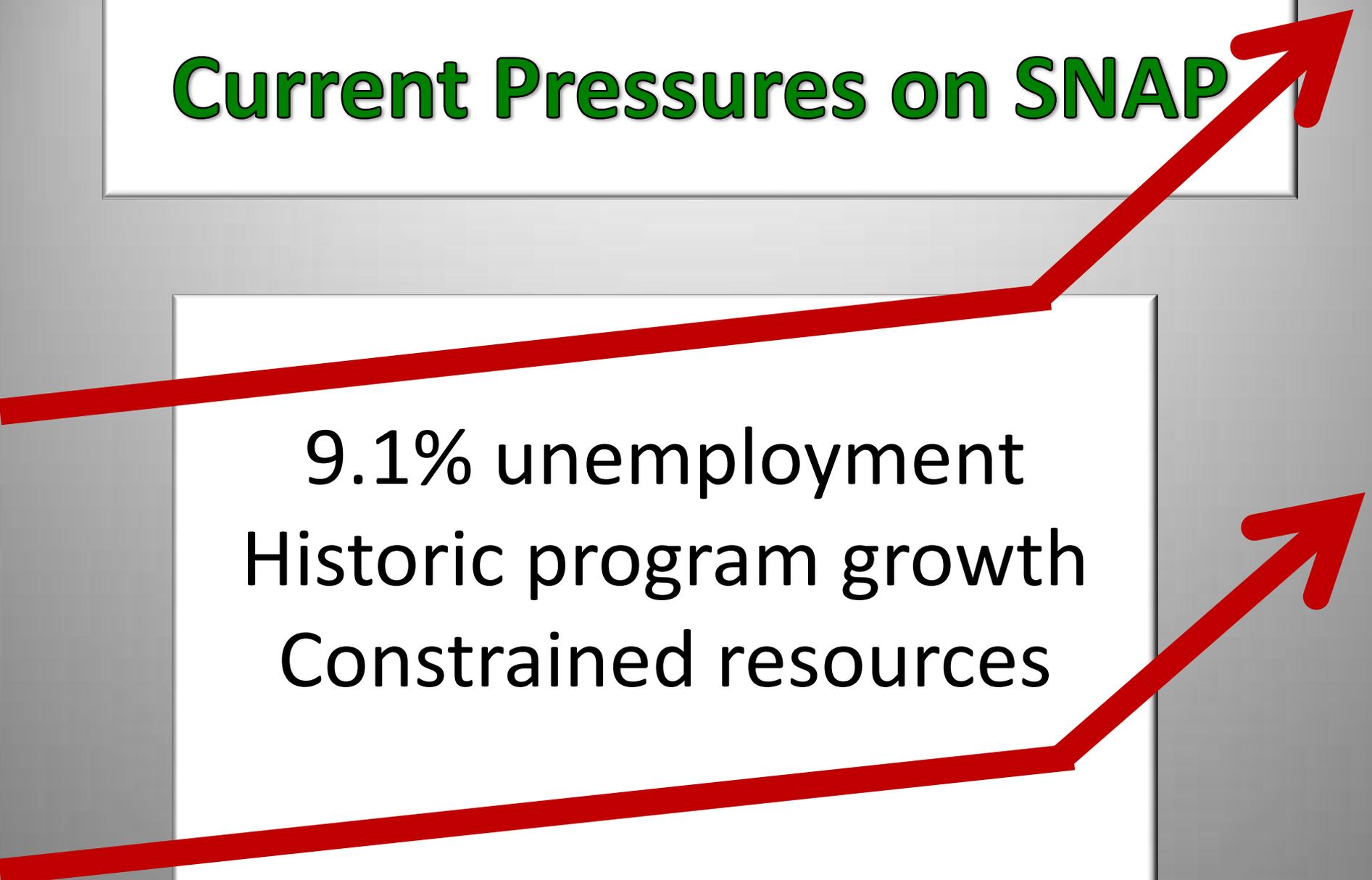
- Medicaid
- Food Banks
- Shelters
- Homeless



SNAP/TANF Policies

- Simplified Income & Resources
- Simplified TANF
- Comparable disqualifications
- Deeming income
- Joint applications and interviews
- Eligibility periods
- Work programs

Current Pressures on SNAP



9.1% unemployment
Historic program growth
Constrained resources

The Electronic Response



Web applications
Telephone interviews
“My account”

Electronic notices
Electronic case files
Universal caseloads



The Policy Response

- ❑ Simplified Reporting
- ❑ Longer certification periods
- ❑ Simplified programs for elderly
- ❑ Telephone interview waivers
- ❑ Expedited interview waivers
- ❑ Reduced Verification
- ❑ Business simplification

More SNAP Trends

- ❑ Nutrition Education
- ❑ Focus on childhood hunger
- ❑ Focus on childhood obesity
- ❑ Focus on negative errors
- ❑ Focus on timeliness

New Focuses

Integrity for Benefit Use
Tri-agency Guidance
Direct Certification

Simple Directions



Paths to Partnership

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- Research
- Advocate/Local/Political Input
- Coordinating committees
- Immediate focus on coping
- Medium focus on tech
- Long range focus?

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