



Partner Updates Building Momentum for Change

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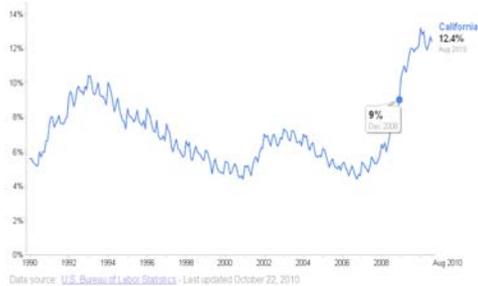
Partner Update About WCLP

ABOUT WESTERN CENTER ON LAW AND POVERTY
Western Center on Law and Poverty (WCLP) serves as a support center for California's legal aid community and works to ensure that low income Californians can easily access safe and affordable housing; adequate health care, and a broad spectrum of safety net services. We do this through:

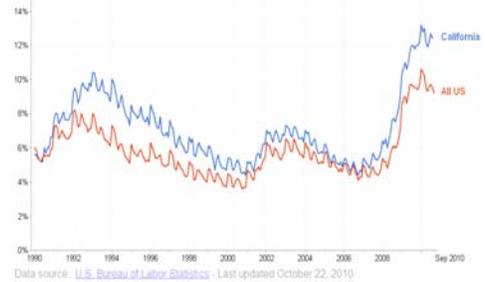
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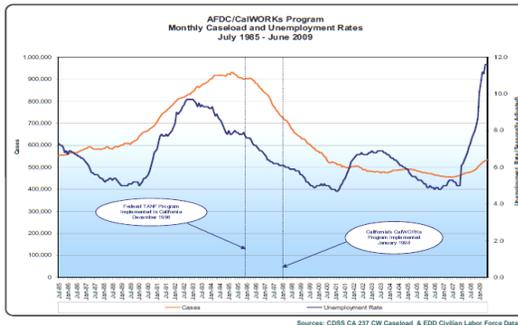
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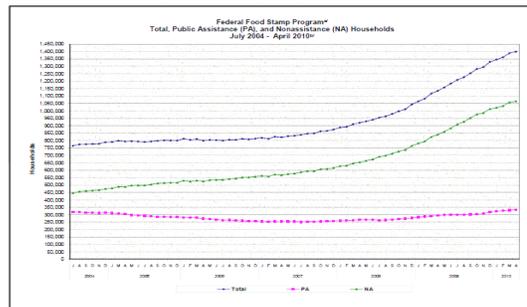
California's Unemployment Rate % Labor Force Unemployed in CA & US



CalWORKs Uptake As Compared with Unemployment



California's Food Stamp Participation Increases in Food Stamp Use





Budget Deficits Prioritizing the Poor

According to the California Budget Project, the State lost 1.4 million jobs between July 2007 - Dec 2009. Not expected to have a quick recovery of employment.

Several years of budget deficits, next year expected to be the same.

Can't depend of increasing federal assistance to address ongoing economic challenges.



Building Momentum for Change Working Harder & Smarter

Safety net service are stretched to their limits. We must work smarter to meet the need.

Remove Barriers to Safety Net Programs and Health Food

Better Collaboration Between Employment & Training Programs, Safety Net Programs, Asset Building Programs

Answer Hard Questions regarding which strategies that work best



Let's Get Building!

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