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Self-Sufficiency Programs Overview
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Types of consumer services

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Self-Sufficiency Programs are at the foundation of the safety net

Safety, stability and a pathway out of poverty

Food benefits	Cash assistance	Employment services	Child care support
Nutrition education	Family stability services	Refugee services	Domestic violence services

Oregon demographics

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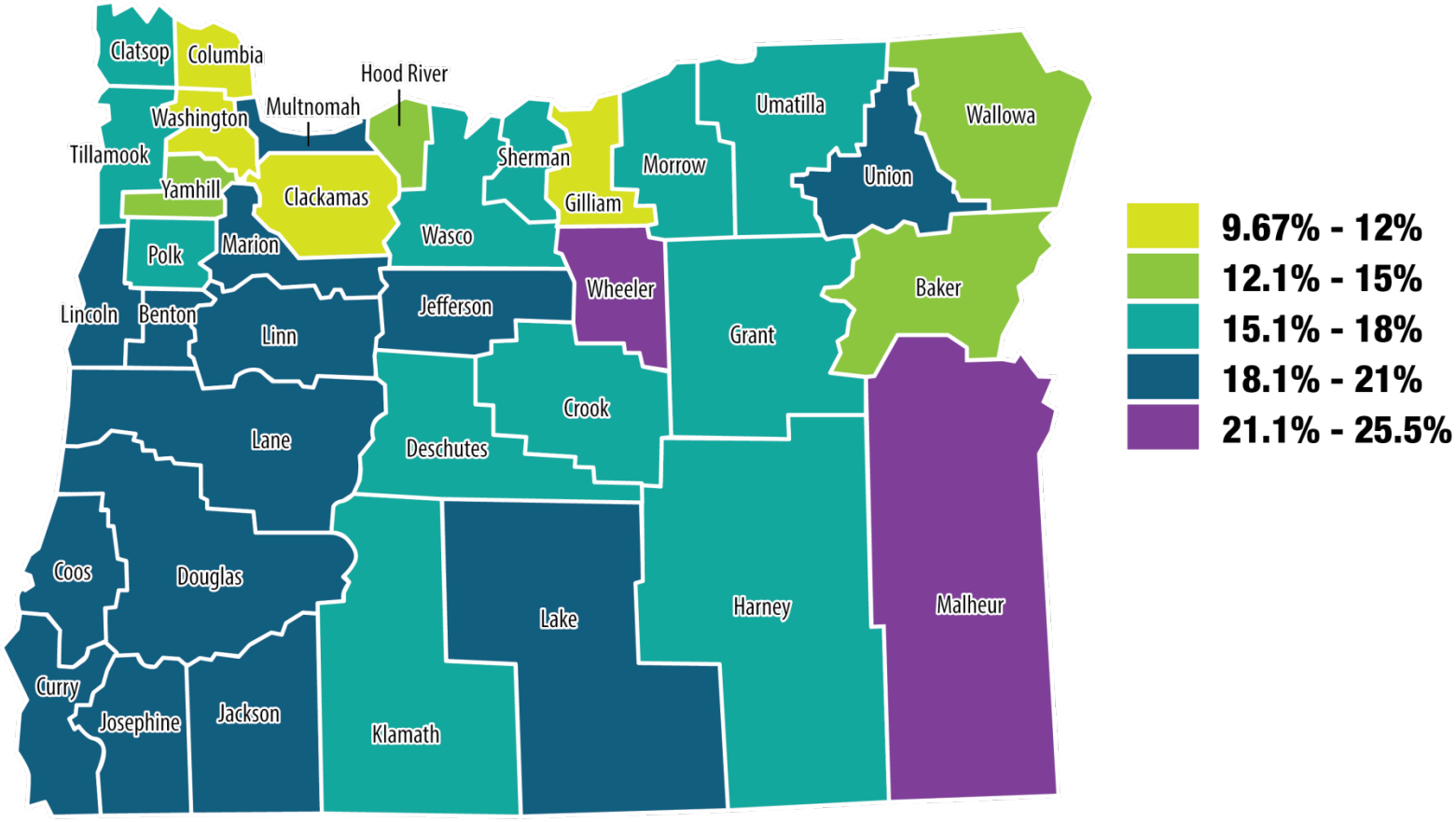
Percent of families in poverty by county (2013)



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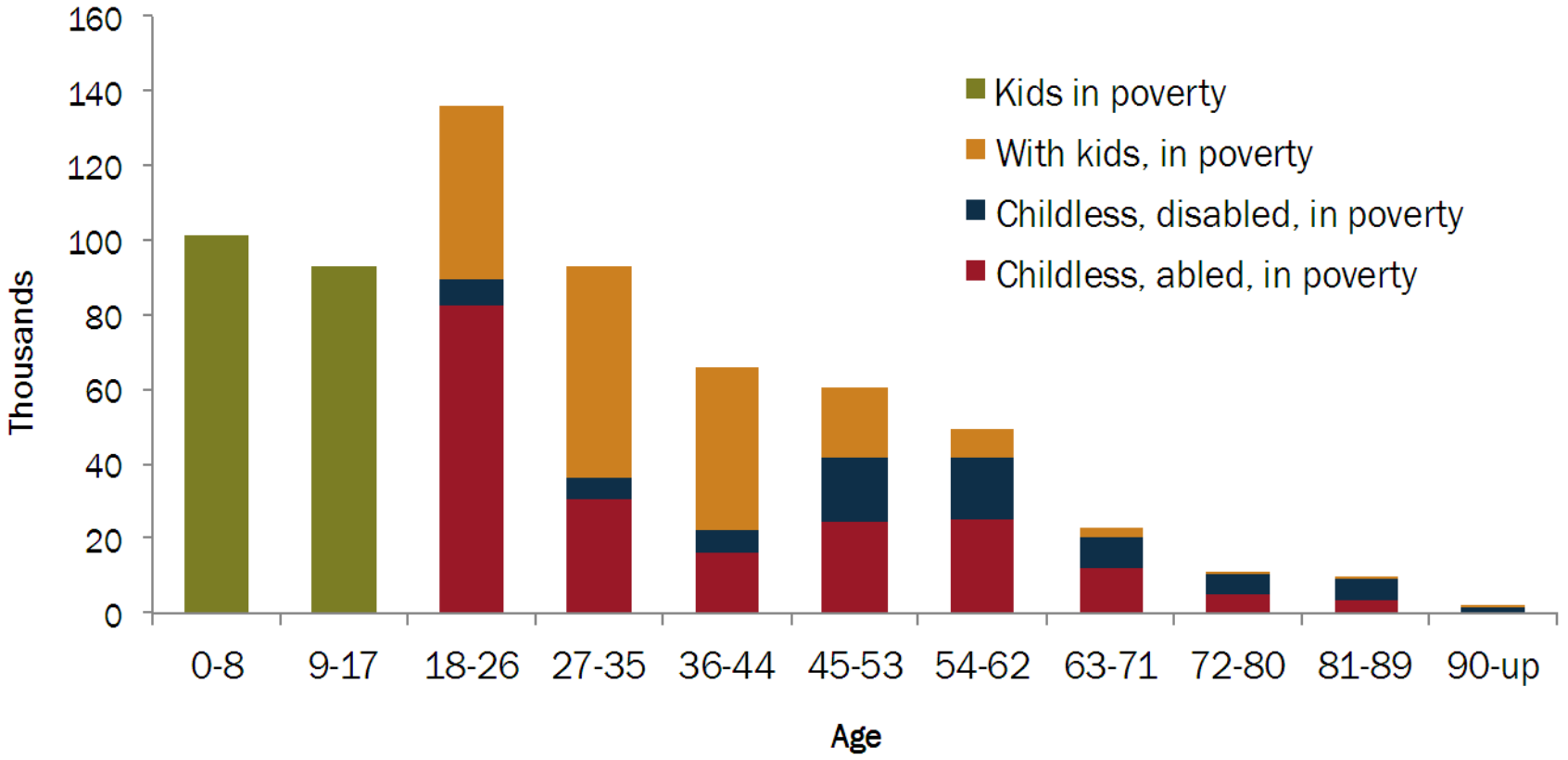
Children and their parents compose almost 60 percent of Oregonians in poverty



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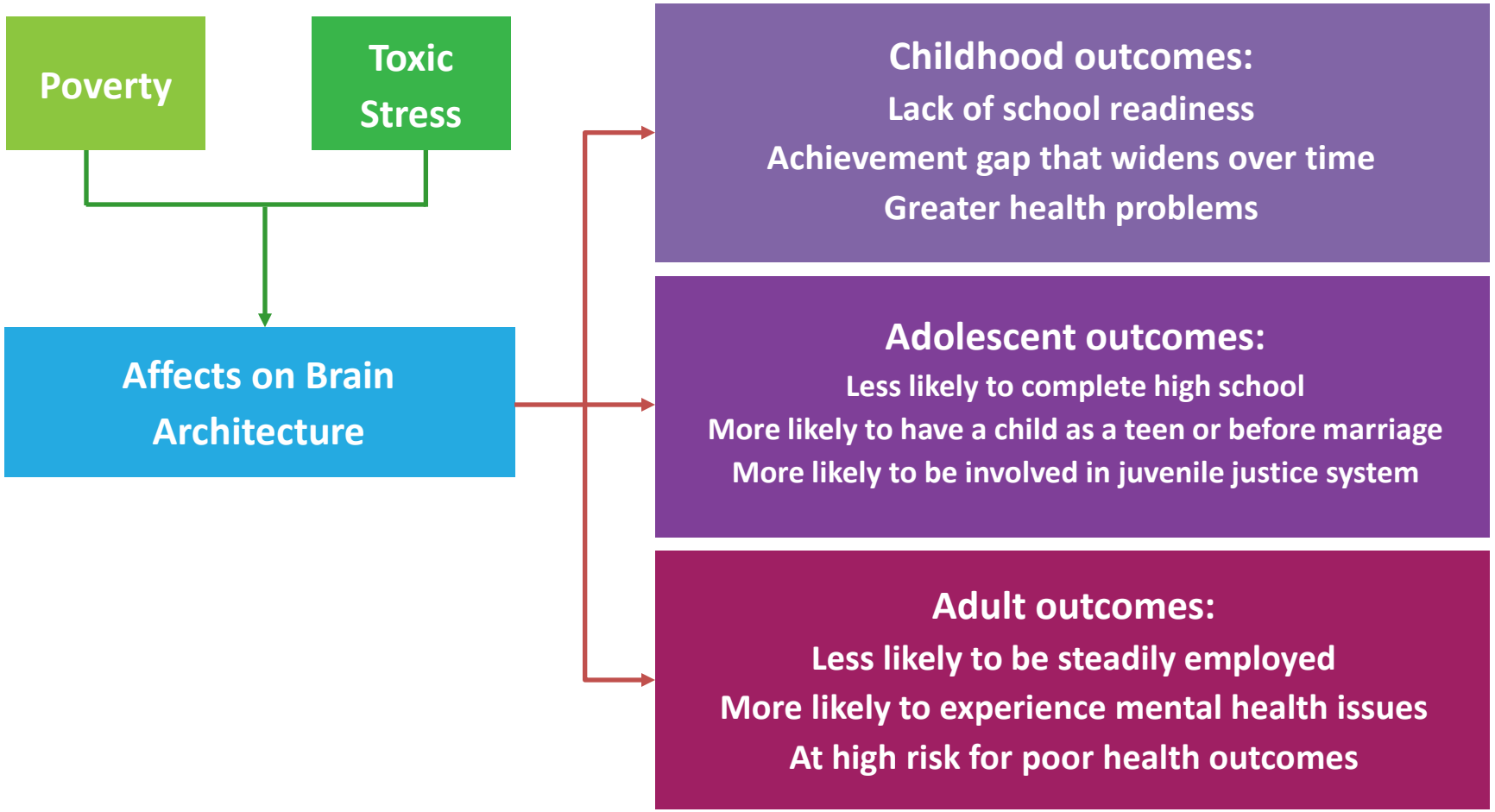
Consequences of growing up in poverty



Program Participant Overview & Our Role in Creating Pathways Out of Poverty

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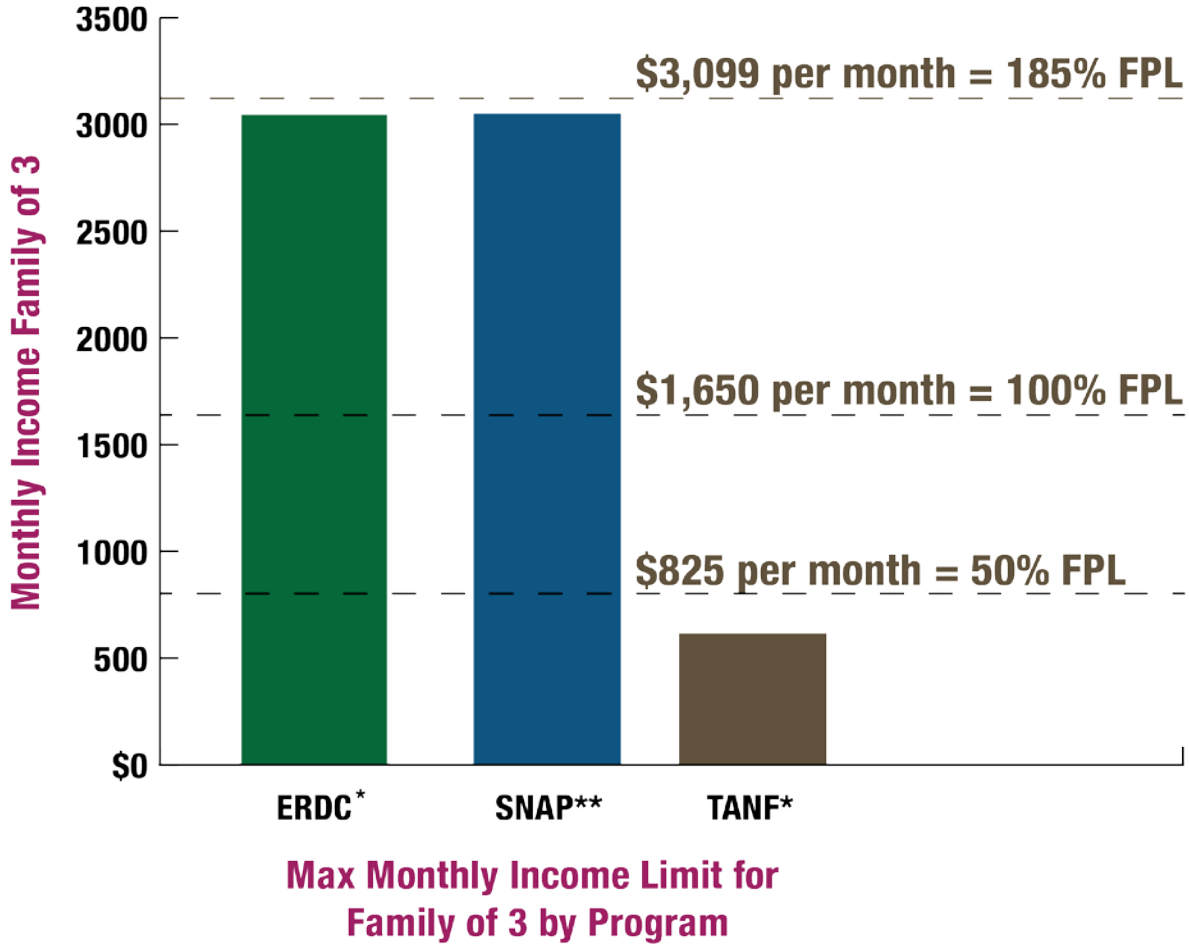
Serving 1 million people annually; many through more than one program

Refugee services to **2,692** people	SNAP food benefits to **879,986** Oregonians	Nutrition education to **387,838** people	SNAP employment services to **21,586** people
TANF JOBS services to **23,814** people	TANF cash assistance to **30,110** families	Safety services for **6,831** domestic violence victims	Child care for **15,591** children

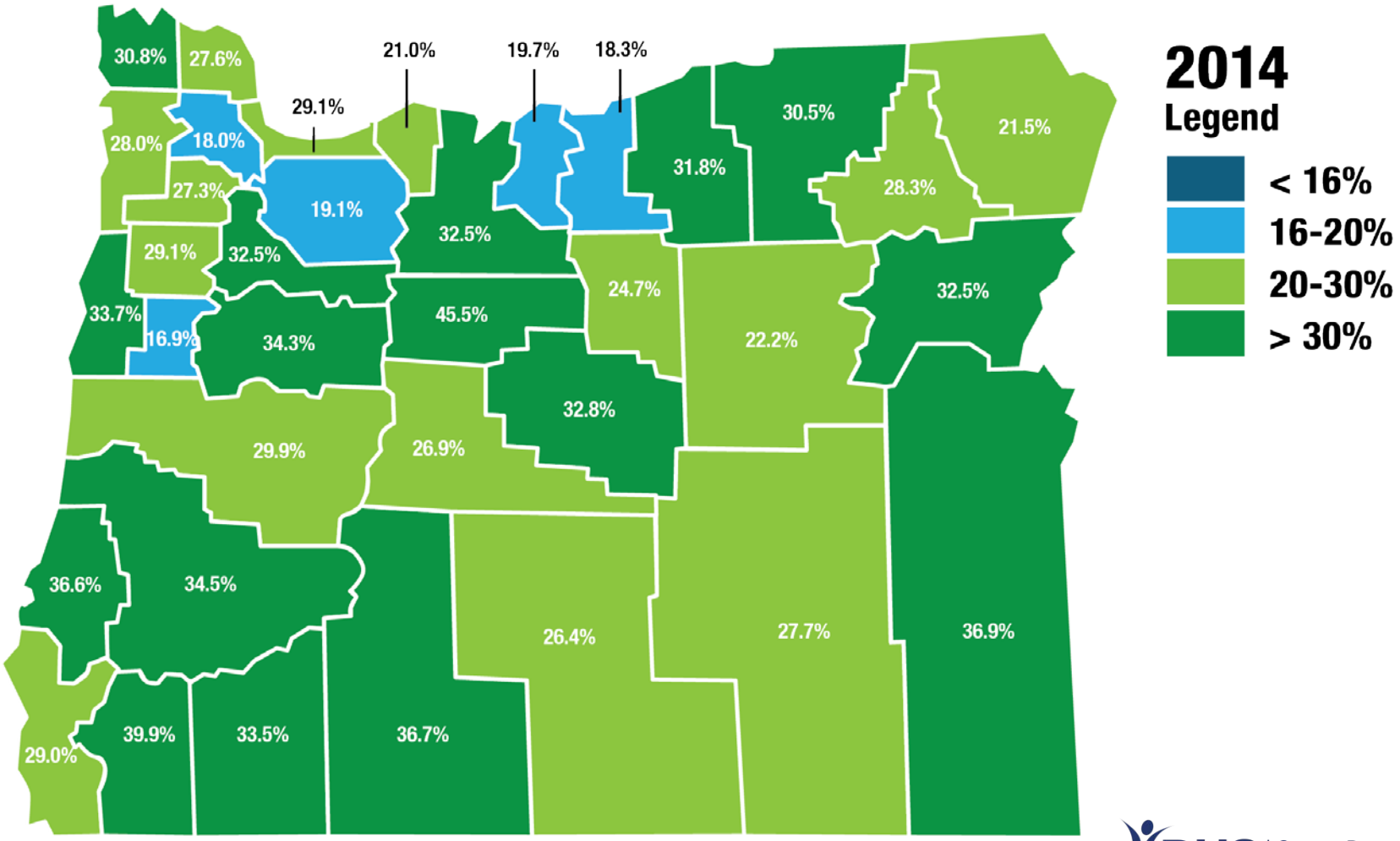
Program income limits vs. the 2015 Federal Poverty Level



* Applicants must meet financial and other eligibility requirements to qualify

** Income limit may be higher if household includes an elderly or disabled person

Impact of economic recession on Self-Sufficiency Programs



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Program overview: SNAP

	Who we serve	How we serve	What we help achieve
	1 in 5 Oregonians	• Food benefits • Employment and training program • Education outreach through local organizations • Contracted nutrition education in every county	• Hunger prevention • Improved health • Improved nutrition • Job skills • Economic stimulus
	Income under 185% of FPL		
	Average per person benefit is $123 per month or $1.43 per person, per meal		
	75% of all households have some form of income		
	45% of households include a child or an elderly person		**Every SNAP $1 spent = $1.79 in local economic activity**
	387,838 people through nutrition education efforts		

SNAP highlights

What we've done:

- Provided food benefits to 1 in 5 Oregonians
- Federally recognized as one of the best SNAP access rates in the country
- 1 of 8 states awarded federal grant to identify, track and prevent misuse of food benefits and Oregon Trail Cards
- 1 of 7 states awarded federal grant to expand employment and training services in Lane, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath & Lake counties to veterans and Native Americans
- Implemented Oregon Trail Card Replacement Line; resulted in 19 percent decrease in number of replacement card requests
- Launched SNAP Online Application Call Center to increase the number of applications submitted online

What's next:

- Farm Bill implementation
- Expansion of employment and training services

Program overview: TANF

	Who we serve	How we serve	What we help achieve
	30,110 families; Most families served are single mothers with two children	• Cash assistance • Job Opportunity and Basic Skills (JOBS) Program • JOBS Plus Program • Family Support and Connections • Domestic violence grant • Teen parent services • Disability benefit application help	• Safety • Stability • Employment • Skills for becoming and remaining self-reliant **TANF impacts local economic activity through $13.5m in cash payments to participants and $2.8m in JOBS contractor payments each month**
	No job; Income less than $616 per month (37% of FPL)		
	Receives $506 per month in TANF cash assistance		
	May live with family or share low-income apartment with others		
	Limited transportation options		
	Family stability challenges such as homelessness or domestic violence		

Continuum of TANF services

Limited support services available

TANF highlights

What we've done:

- Recorded 14,649 job placements in 2014
- Cost-neutral conversion of eligibility positions into case managers resulting in improved client outcomes (participation, employment)
- Avoided federal participation rate penalties for FFY 2008 and 2009
- Delivered a new training series for TANF workers and supervisors on strengths-based case management practices
- Established new workforce partnerships (state and local alignment effort)
- Put performance-based JOBS contracts in place

What's next:

- TANF Reinvestment Proposal
- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) implementation
- Statewide Workforce System Redesign

Program overview: ERDC

	Who we serve	How we serve	What we help achieve
	8,079 families (15,191 children); Most families have a single, working parent and two children	• Subsidized child care through payments to providers who are selected by parents and listed with DHS • Higher child care payment rates for special needs children • Providers who met health and safety standards • Contracts with Child Care Resource and Referral organizations for referrals and parent education • Collaborating with Early Learning Division on provider health and safety standards	• Sustained employment for parents • Stable, safe child care • Access to quality child care • Child care provider training • Parent education, choice and referrals •Inclusion/specialized care **ERDC impacts local economic activity through $5.8m in payments to providers each month**
	Income under 185% of FPL		
	Average parent co-pay is $193 per month		
	May live with family or share low-income apartment with others		
	Family stability challenges such as non-standard work hours, minimum wage, employment and transportation		

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ERDC highlights

What we've done:

- Increased the number of families accessing quality, licensed child care
- Increased the number of families leaving TANF who use ERDC
- Increased provider health and safety standards; raised provider rates
- Partner in Race to the Top grant to invest in measurable, quality child care
- Contracted slots with Oregon Programs in Quality and Head Start
- Contracted with Child Care Resource and Referral agencies to provide parent education on selecting quality care

What's next:

- Partnering with Early Learning Division to:
  - ✓ Implement federal reform (2014 Child Care Development Block Grant)
  - ✓ Increase quality and improve child development outcomes
- Expand program access to more families

TANF Reinvestment Proposal

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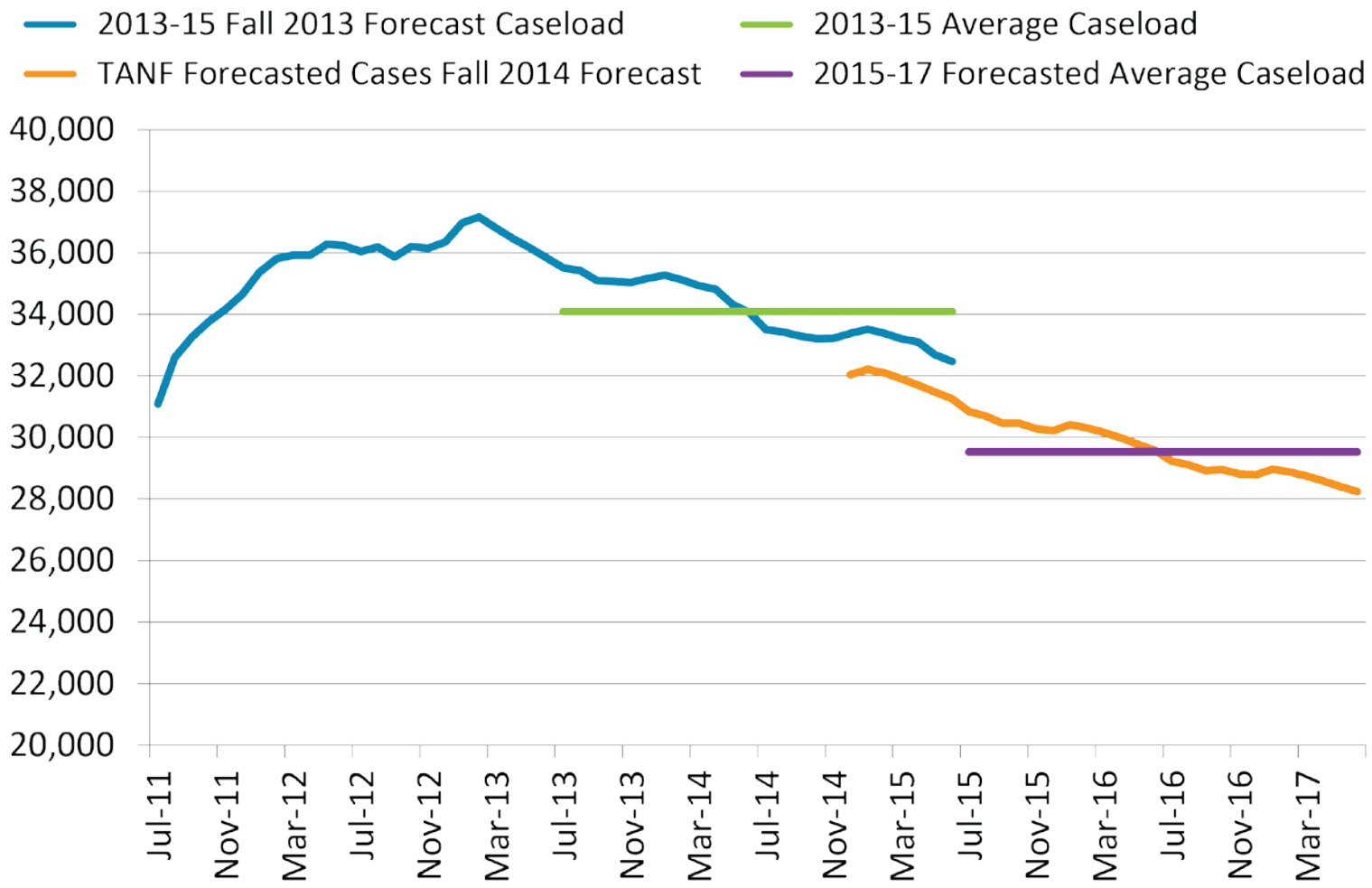
Moving families from poverty to prosperity

Stability of TANF families increases	Community partnerships are leveraged to benefit shared clients	Family and case manager relationships are consistent and strong	Parents and case managers support health, safety and school readiness of children
Parent participation in work-related activities increases	Program design reduces barriers to work	More parents find stable work that pays	Processes are simplified and efficient, and requirements are clear

TANF caseload projections



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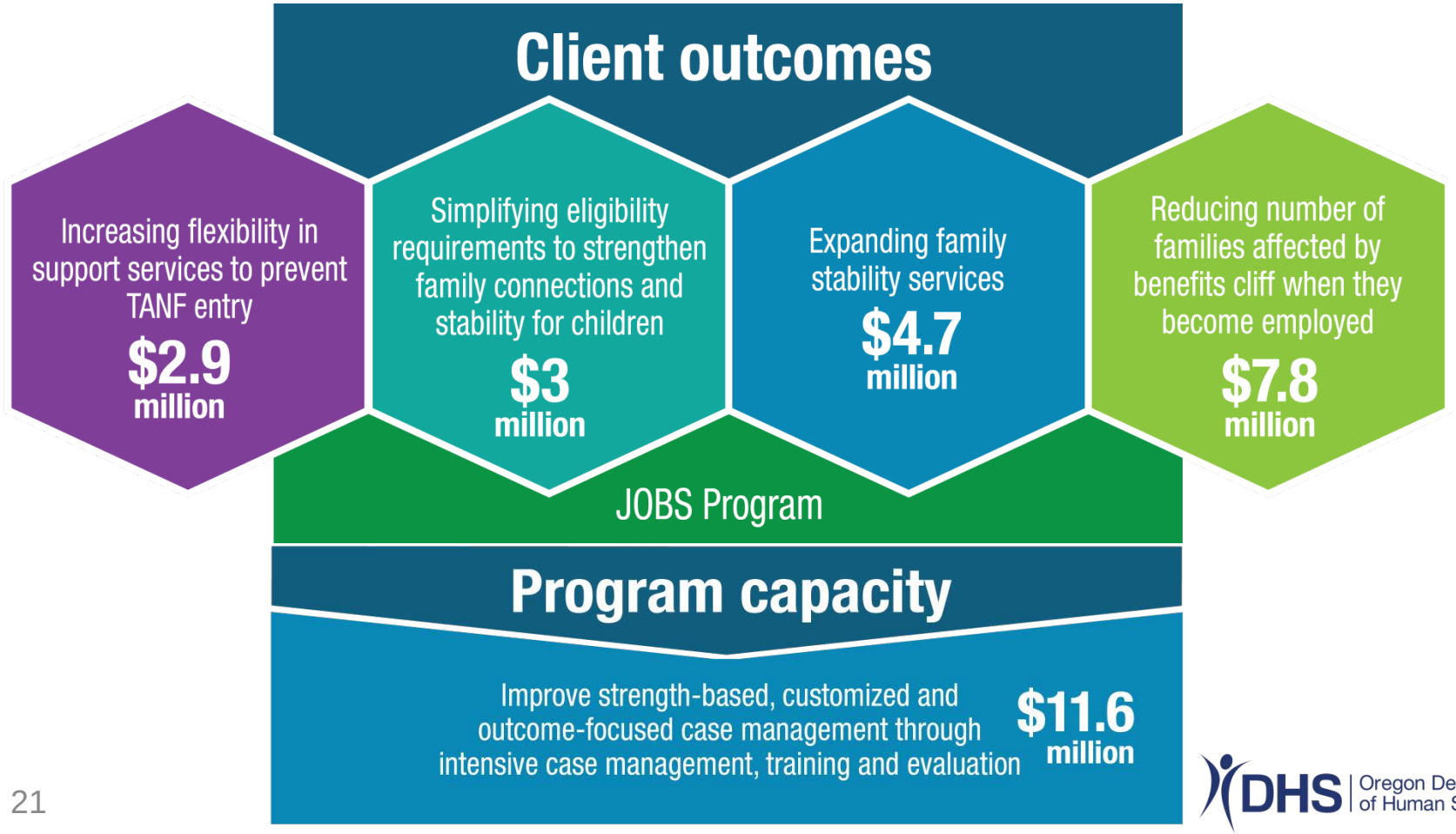
Get families stable and parents ready for work that pays

Governor's Balanced Budget proposes reinvesting $30 million in savings from a projected decline in the TANF caseload into strategies to improve participant outcomes.



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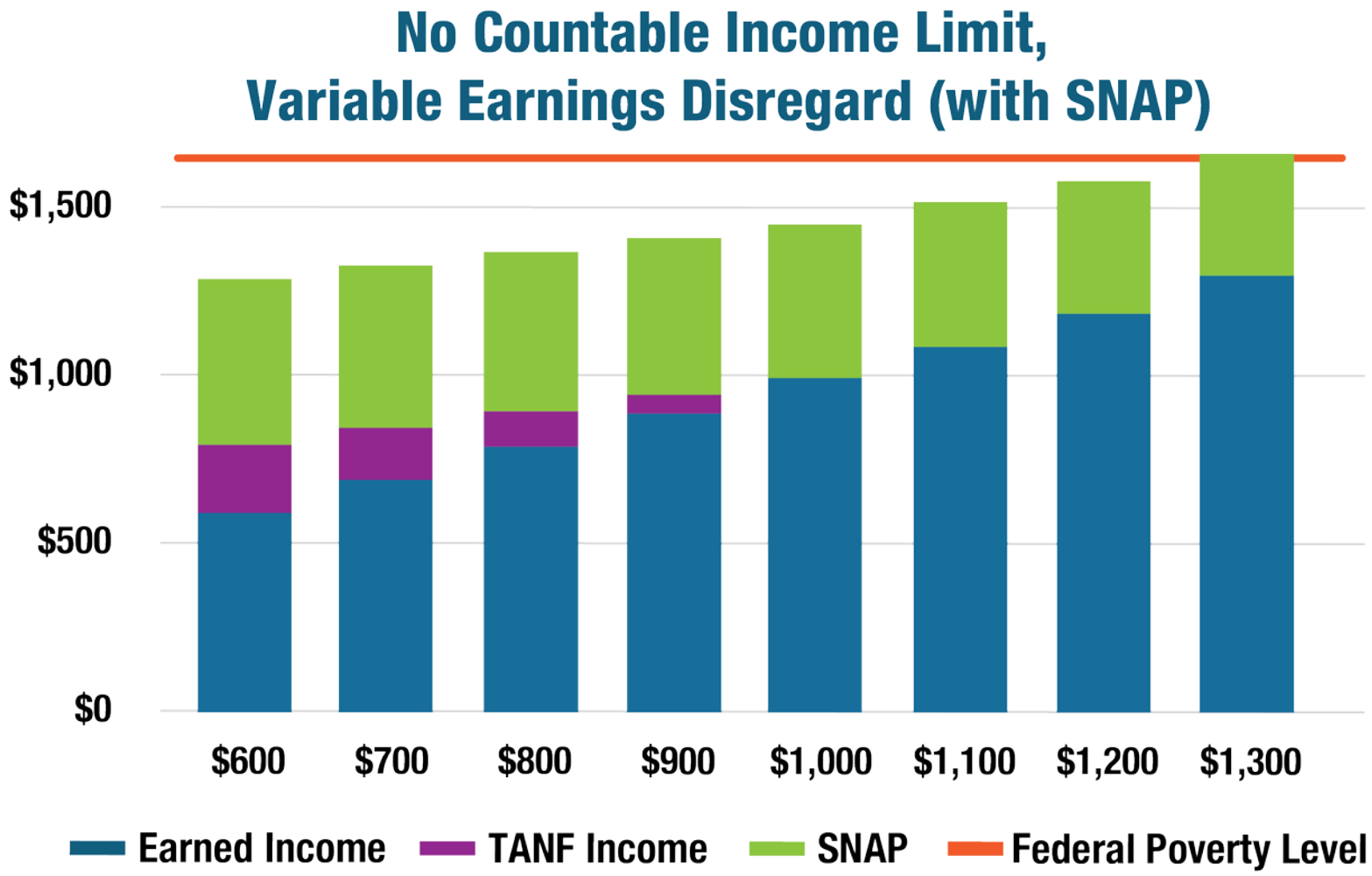
Shrinking the “benefits cliff”



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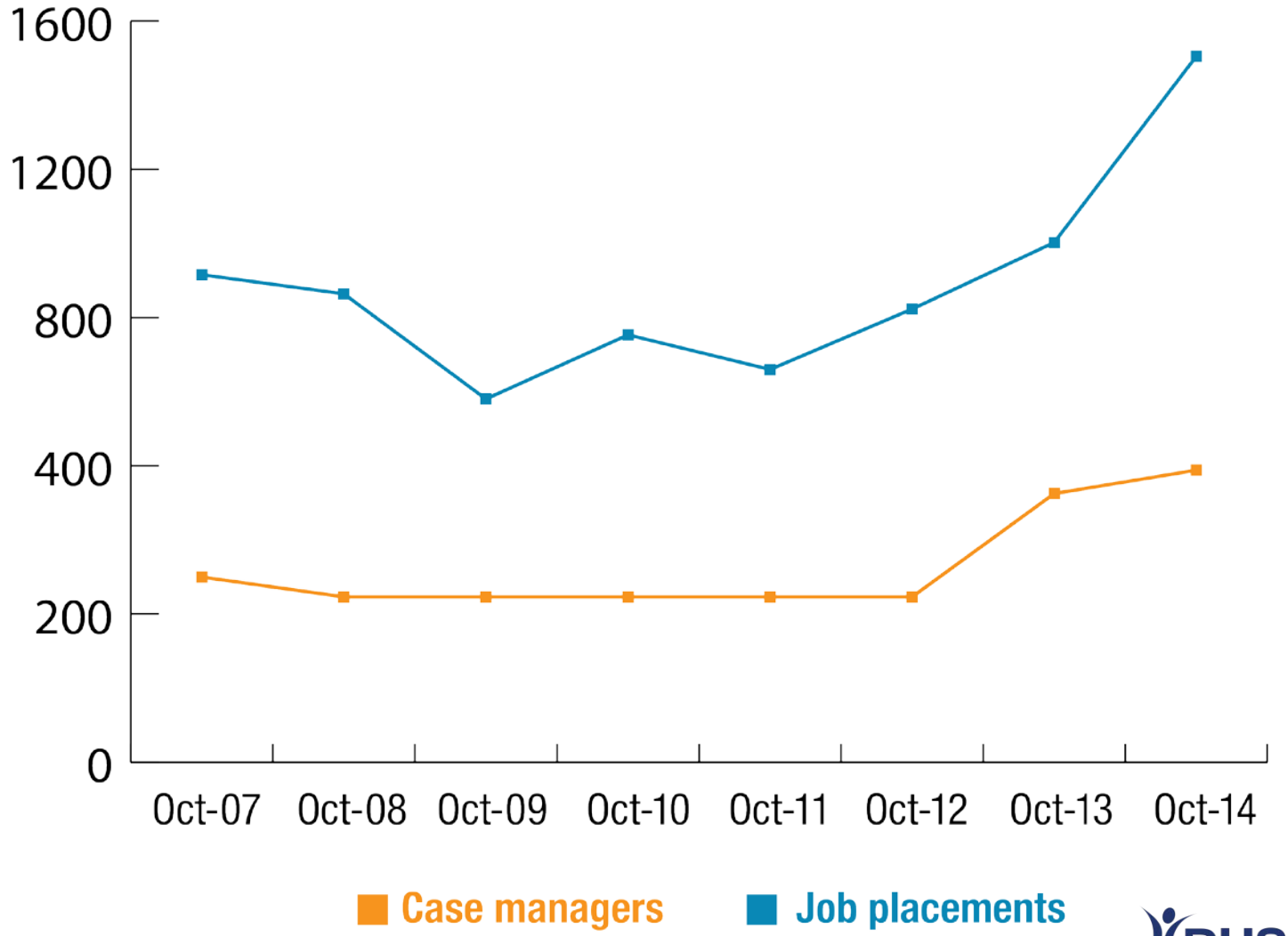
Case managers and job placements



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Budget Overview

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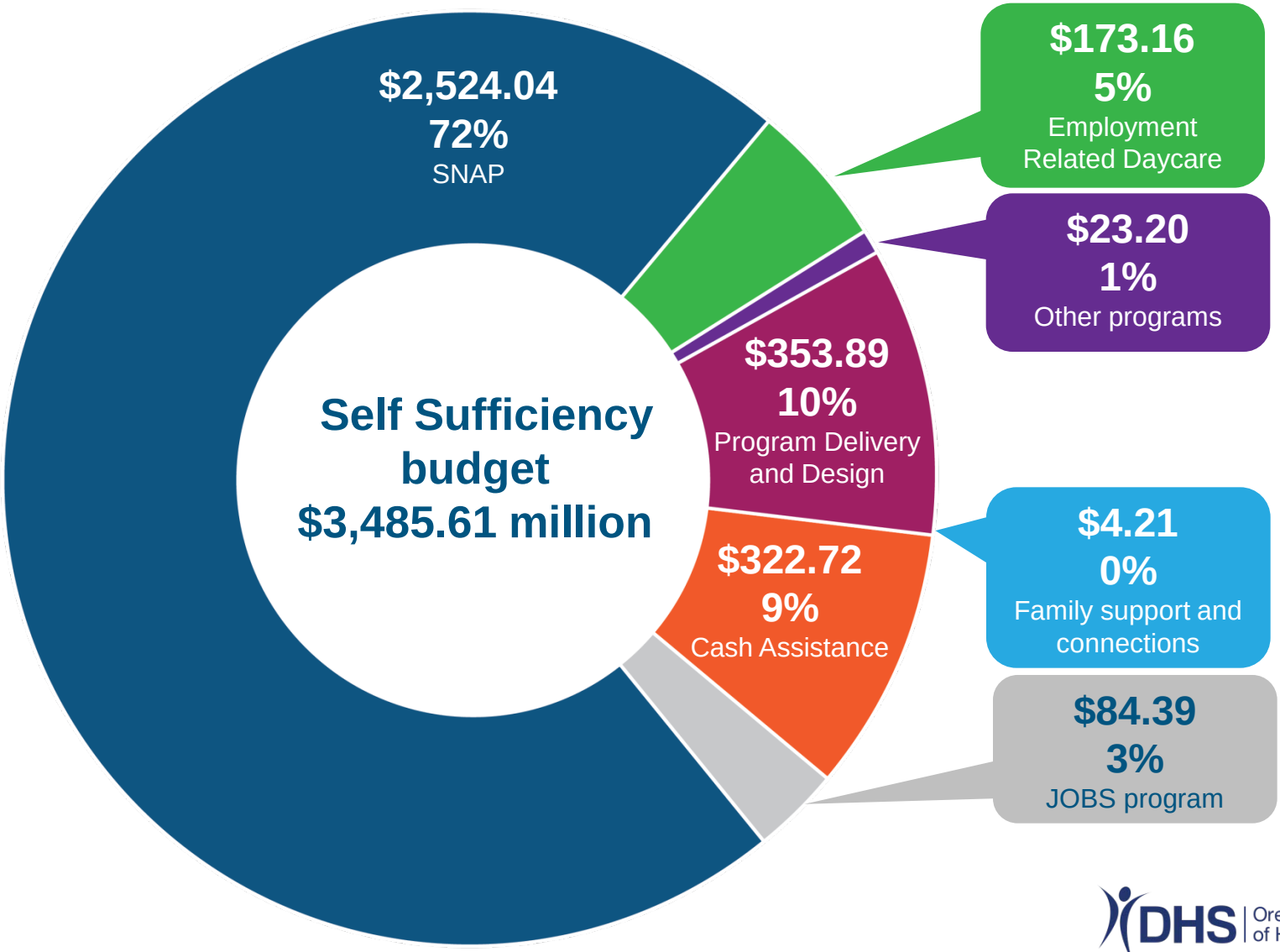
Budget overview: Total funds by program



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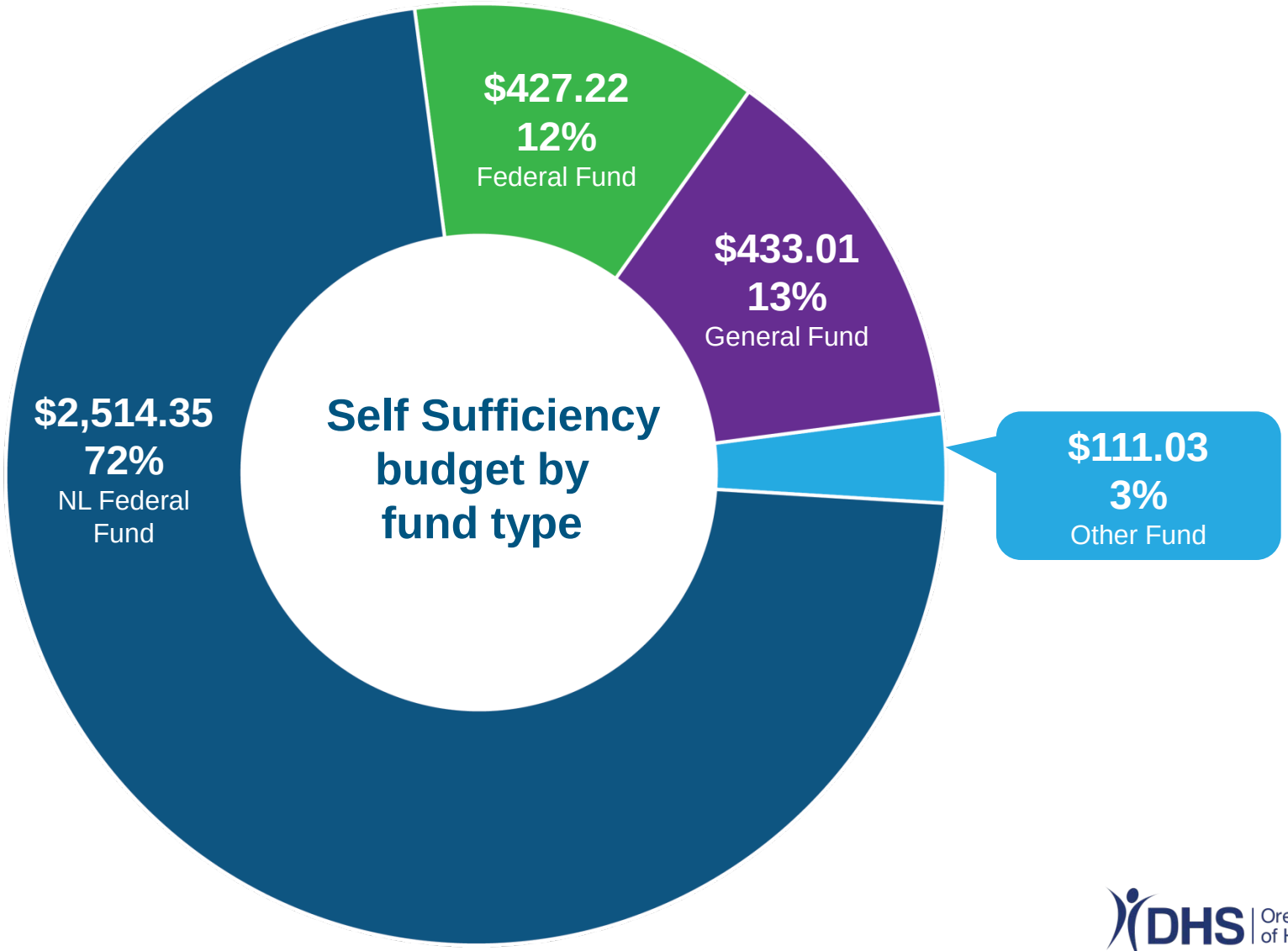
Budget: By fund type – 72% federal funds



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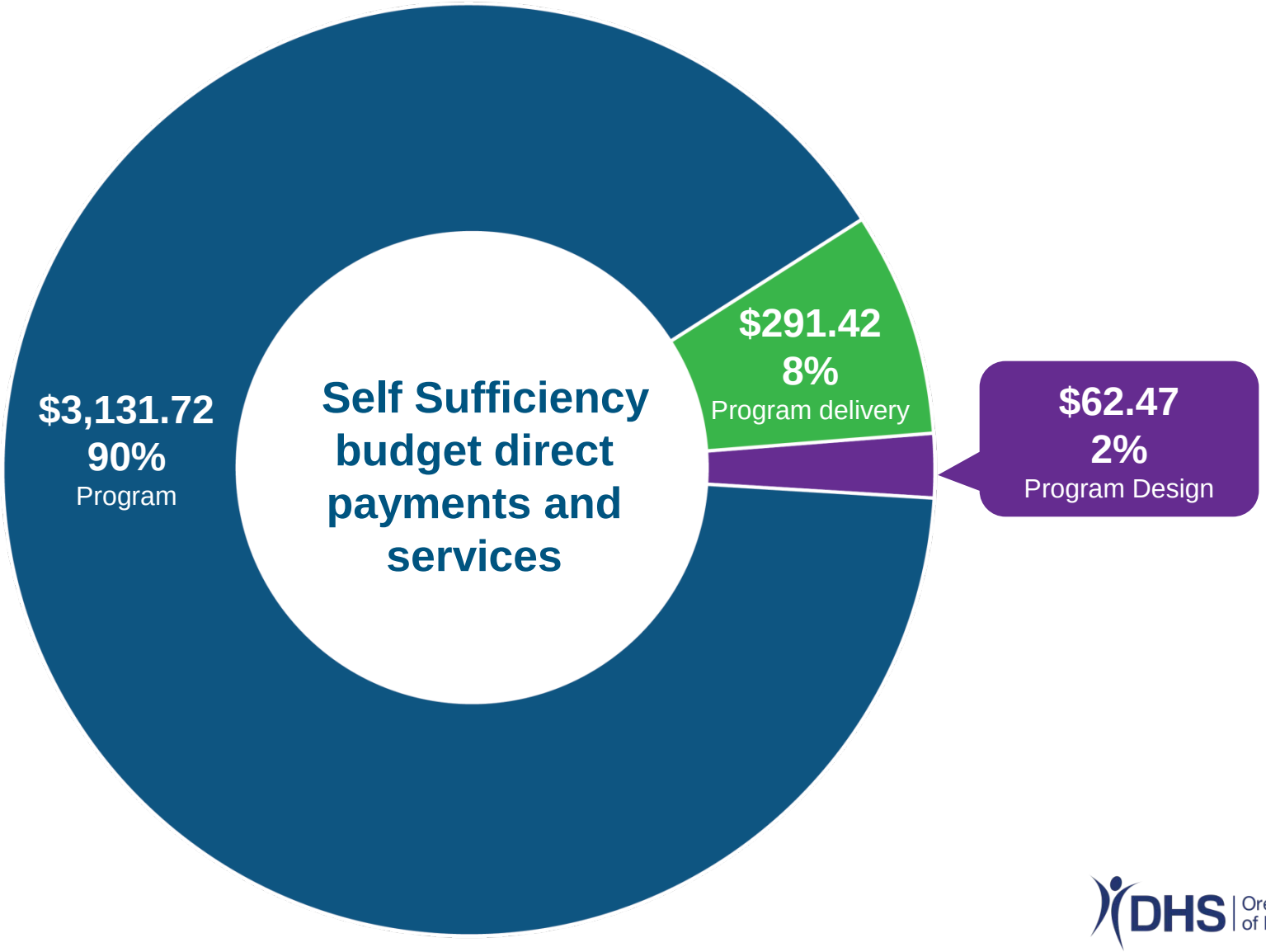
Budget: Direct payments & services



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Summary

Self-Sufficiency Programs are designed to help:

- Break the cycle of poverty
- Support the healthy development of young children
- Keep families stable
- Create opportunities for adults to work & be self supporting

Where we are now:

- Rebuilding in a new economy
- Aligning our work with other system and partner efforts
- Recommitting to outcomes beyond crisis assistance

Where we are headed:

- A more responsive, individualized model of service
- Aligned partnerships with shared accountability for results
- More prosperous families; more children are ready for and succeed in school

Wrap-up

DHS 2015-17 Budget Themes:

- Finish what we've started
- Impact of federal changes
- Outcomes & prioritization
- Upstream investments & long-term financial sustainability
- Partnership alignment

Coming Up Next:

- **Child Welfare Overview**
  - February 26
- **DHS Program Design Services and Key Performance Measures**
  - March 2
- **DHS Wrap Up**
  - March 4

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