



2003 Scan Presentation

Health and Public Assistance

Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Services

Children & Families Commission

Child Support Services

Public Health

Social Services

May 20, 2003

Scan Overview

- **What is “access”?**
- **What are the implications of insufficient access?**
- **How have County and interagency efforts increased access?**
- **What initiatives are being explored to improve access?**



Critical Issue: Access to Services

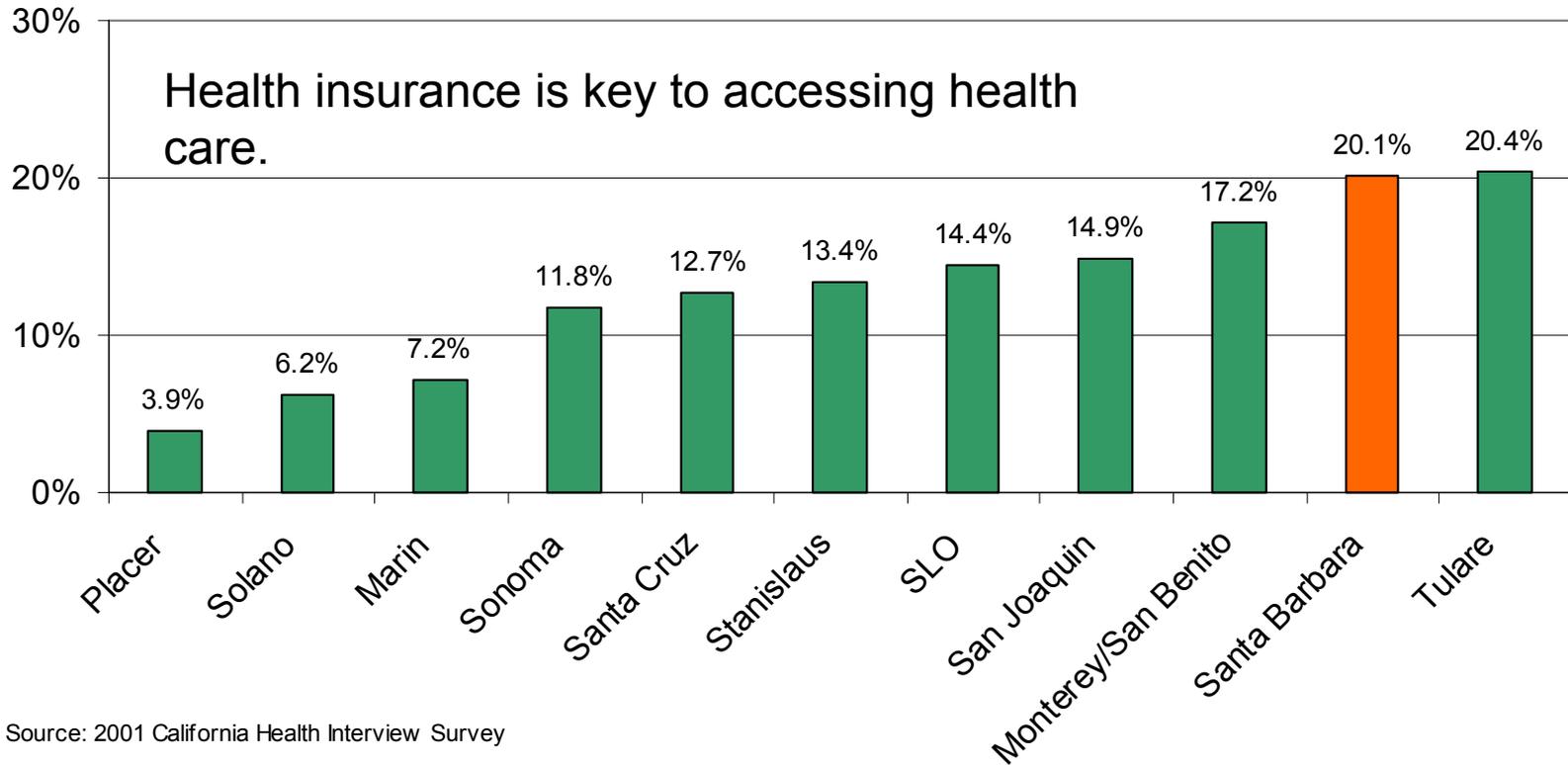
What is “access”?

- Information and Referral**
- Geographic**
- Hours**
- Language, Ethnicity, Culture**
- Insurance and Funding Sources**
- Specialized care**
- Lack of or inadequate facilities**

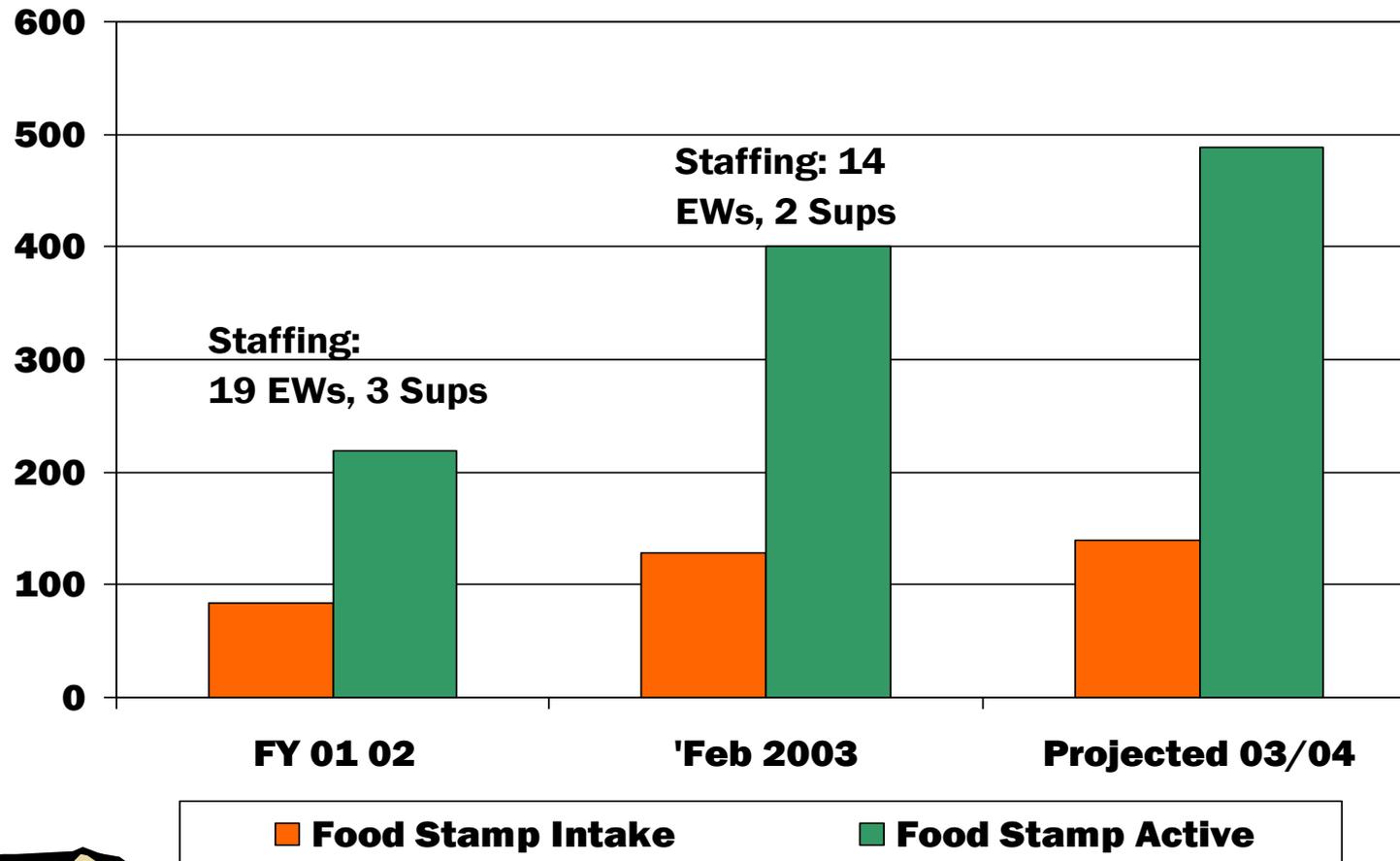


Percent Uninsured, Ages 0-64

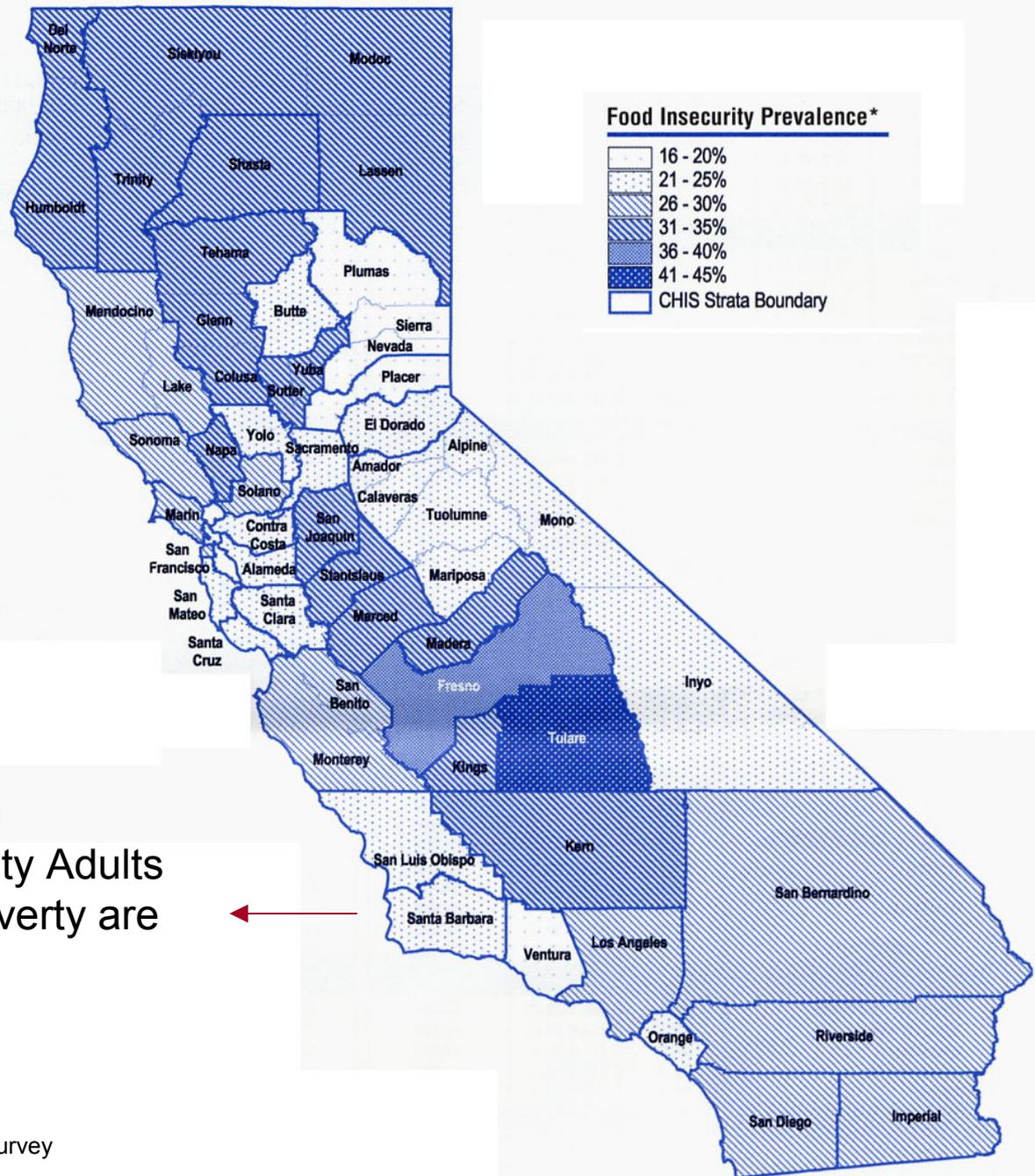
Selected California Counties 2001



Non-Assistance Food Stamps Access



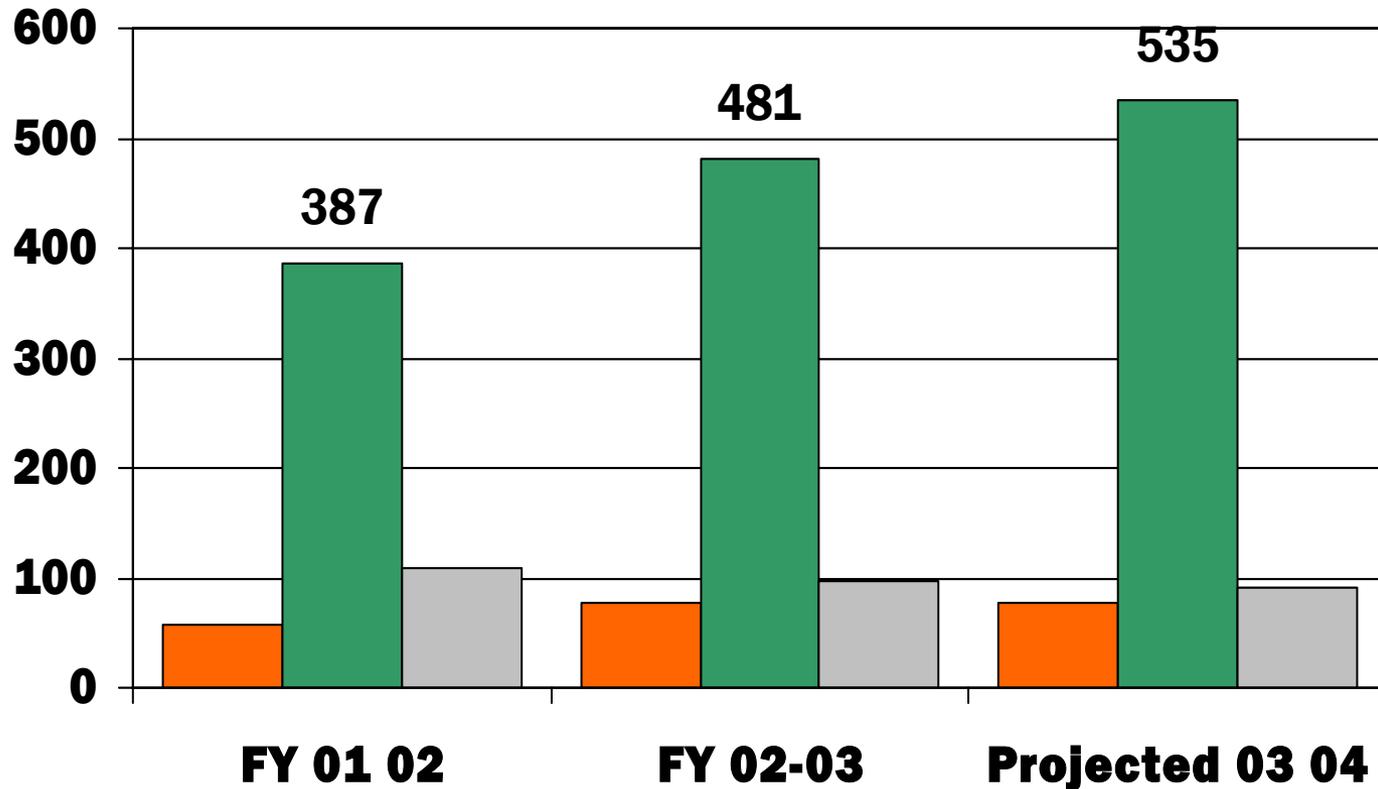
Food Insecurity SB County 2001



22.8% of SB County Adults below 200% of Poverty are “Food Insecure”.



Medi-Cal Access

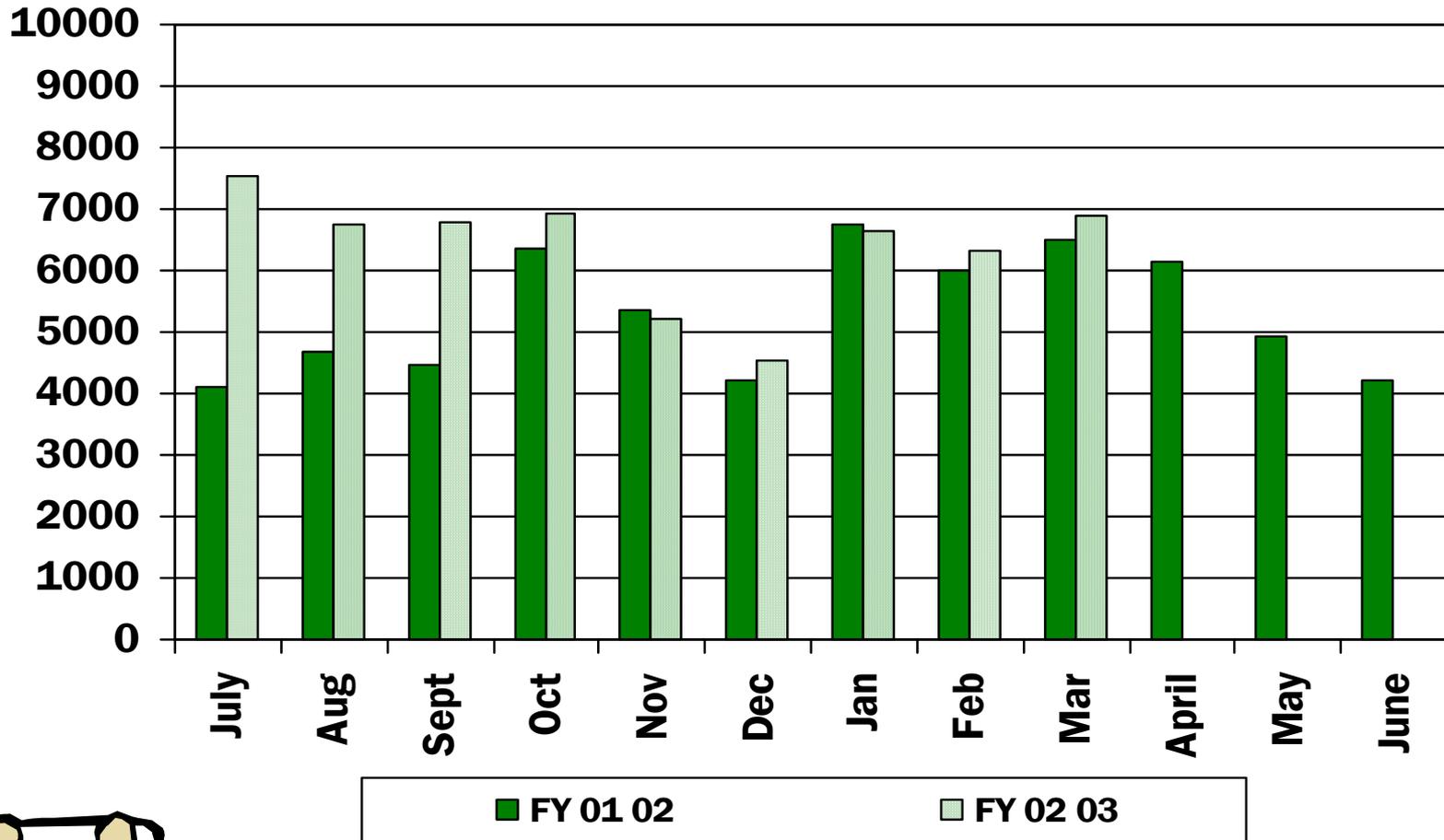


■ Medi-Cal Intake Cases ■ Active Medi-Cal Cases ■ Eligibility Workers



Workforce Resource Center

Visitor Comparison: 2001-02 to 2002-03



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What are the implications of insufficient access? Increases in...

- Emergency Room Visits**
- Public Assistance**
- Homeless**
- Out-of-Home Placements**
- Incarcerations**
- Health Problems**
- Increased demand for services at CBO's**
- Unemployment**



Critical Issue: Access to Services

How have we increased access?

- **Leveraging and integrating funding, planning, and service delivery**
 - TSAC
 - Prop 10
 - EPSDT
 - Prop 36
 - Title IV-E
 - MAA/TCM



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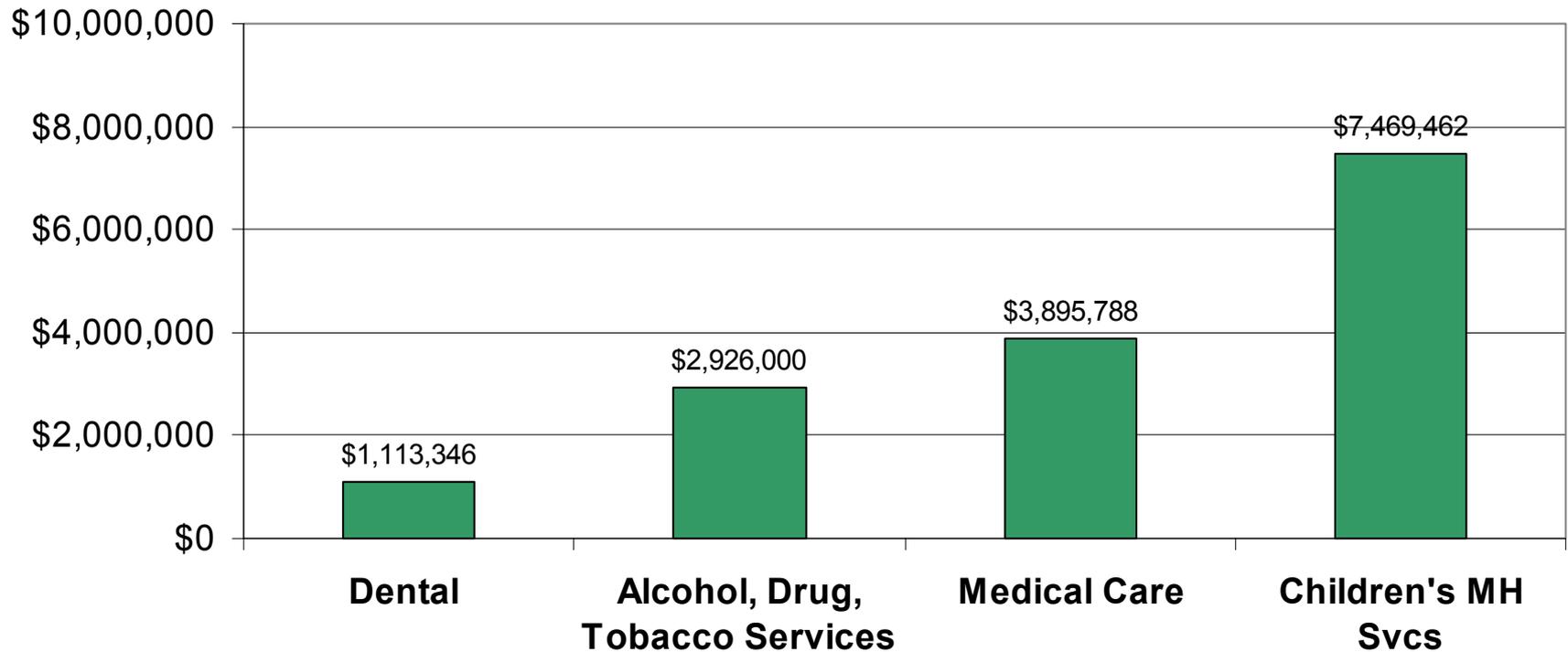
- **Access to health care increased through new and leveraged funding sources**
 - **Dental**
 - **Primary & Specialty Care**
 - **Hospital Inpatient/Outpatient Care**
 - **Addiction and Mental Health Services**
- **New services available such as WEB home visitation**
- **Partnerships with CBO's leverages County dollars to bring access to greater numbers**
- **Job access through Workforce Resource Center**



New Funding Sources to Improve Access

Prop 10, TSAC, EPSDT, Title IV-E

FY 1998-99 through 2002-03



Critical Issue: Access to Services

Initiatives being explored:

- **Pursuing Local and statewide propositions on access**
 - LA County Prop B
 - Maddy Fund
 - Alcohol and Tobacco Tax revenue for services
 - Child welfare system redesign
 - Entitlement services for seriously mentally ill
- **Looking beyond traditional health funding sources**
 - Public/Private partnerships (Unitarian Society of SB initiative)
 - Creative Leveraging (Children's Foundation)
 - Proposed non-wine alcoholic beverage fee for adolescent svcs



Critical Issue: Access to Services

Initiatives being explored:

- **Alternative service delivery approaches**
 - Asset-based service planning
 - Neighborhood-oriented services
 - In-home support
 - Mental health crisis and detox facilities
- **Information access**
 - 2-1-1
 - Increased cross training
- **In-county residential crisis care for children**



Information Access: **The Future**

- **211** is a free, bilingual information line, connecting people to community, social, health and government services.



We're somewhere in-between.



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Summary

- **Access is our most critical issue.**
- **Access has been increased by successfully pursuing alternative funding sources**
- **Creative initiatives are being explored to maintain funding necessary to ensure access**
- **We must build on these efforts to meet our Section 17000 mandate to ensure access and to protect the health and welfare of County residents**

