

Testimony
Senate Bill 2391 – Department of Human Services
Senate Human Services Committee
Senator Judy Lee, Chairman
February 2, 2009

Chairman Lee, members of the Senate Human Service Committee, I am Carol Cartledge, Director of Public Assistance for the Department of Human Services. I am here today to provide information on the Alternatives- to-Abortion program.

Services Provided from July 1, 2007 through November 2008

- Approximately 1,000 clients received services
 - Based on current usage, approximately 1,500 will take advantage of services in this biennium
- Sixteen agencies provide services
- Billed services by providers - \$199,378
 - Monthly average \$12,461 for services

Advertising

- Mental Health America 2-1-1 contracted - \$10,800
- Printing brochures - \$343.00
- Design and printing of posters - \$1,266.50
- Fall 2008 sent over 1,000 posters and brochures to universities, colleges, schools, county social service agencies, food pantries, shelters, parole and probation offices, Division of Juvenile Services, and grocery stores.
- Added Alternatives-to-Abortion program on Department of Human Services home page
 - List of services

- List of providers
- Map with location of providers
- Added Alternative- to-Abortion poster on Facebook and MySpace with a link to the Department's website

This concludes my testimony. I would be happy to answer any questions.