House Bill 2 – Human and Community Services Division

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Support children and families through TANF:

- TANF caseloads have dropped by 47% since 2002
- Meanwhile, 20% of Montana's children live in poverty, up from 17% in 2000
- Parents are required to work more hours but benefit levels remain stagnant

Benefit Levels Changes in Recent Years

Date	Prior to 08/01/03 40.5% FPL of 2002	08/01/03 30% FPL of 2004	01/01/05 30% FPL of 2005 (Plus $30)	10/01/05 33% FPL of 2005 (Current Benefit Level)
Average Monthly Benefit (family of 3)	$507	$375	$405	$442

Use TANF dollars to support TANF families:

- Over 9.3 million dollars have been transferred to Child Care since 2004 and we will continue to *transfer over $8 million per year*
- Estimated carry-over for TANF block grant for 2006 was $34,186,884 yet DPHHS proposed a benefit increase of only $27 per month or $1,275,912 for 2007!

Restore TANF benefits with TANF money!

Help children and families break the cycle of poverty!

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