



Voices for Change: Perspectives on Strengthening Welfare-to-Work From DC TANF Recipients

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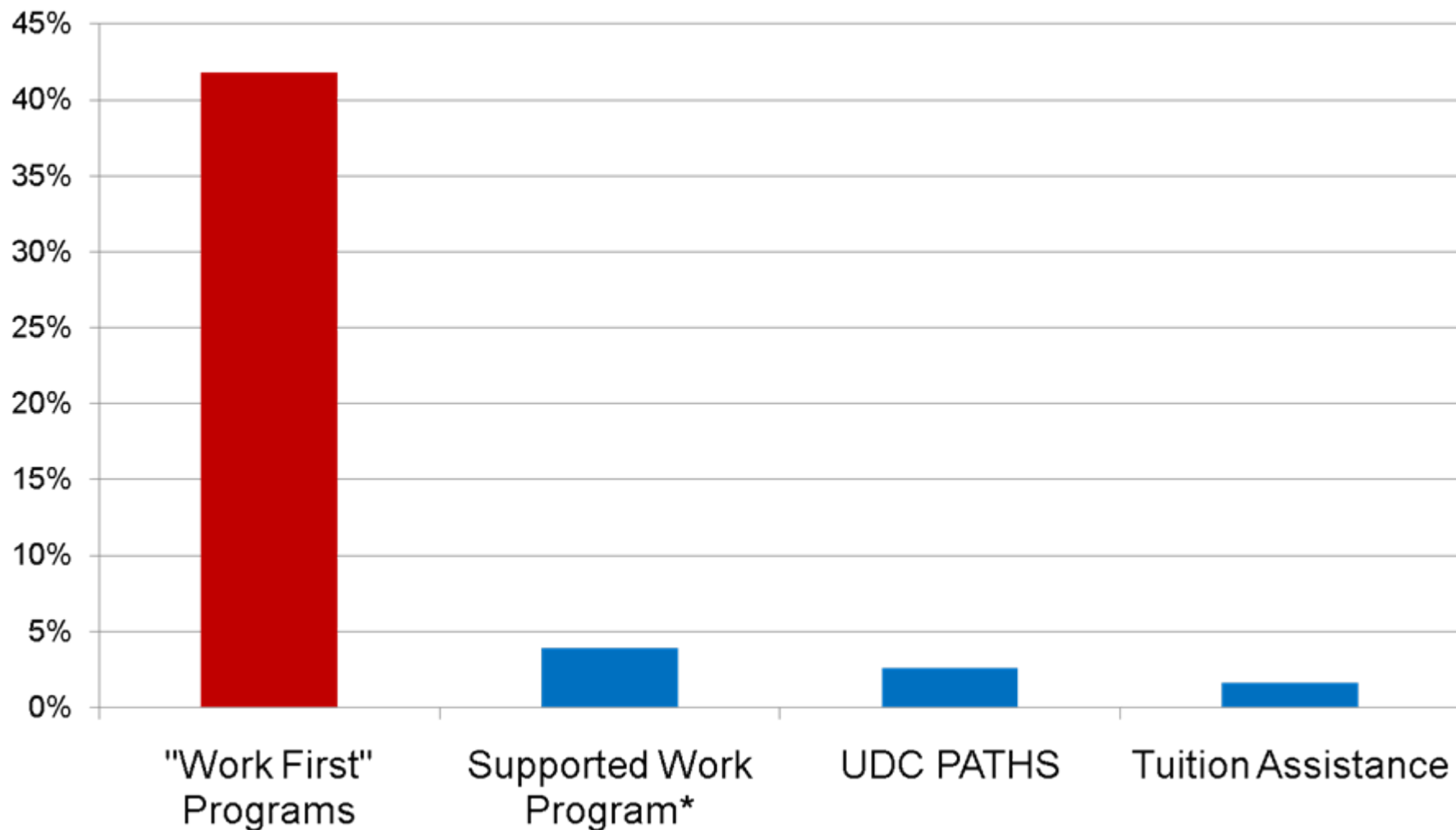
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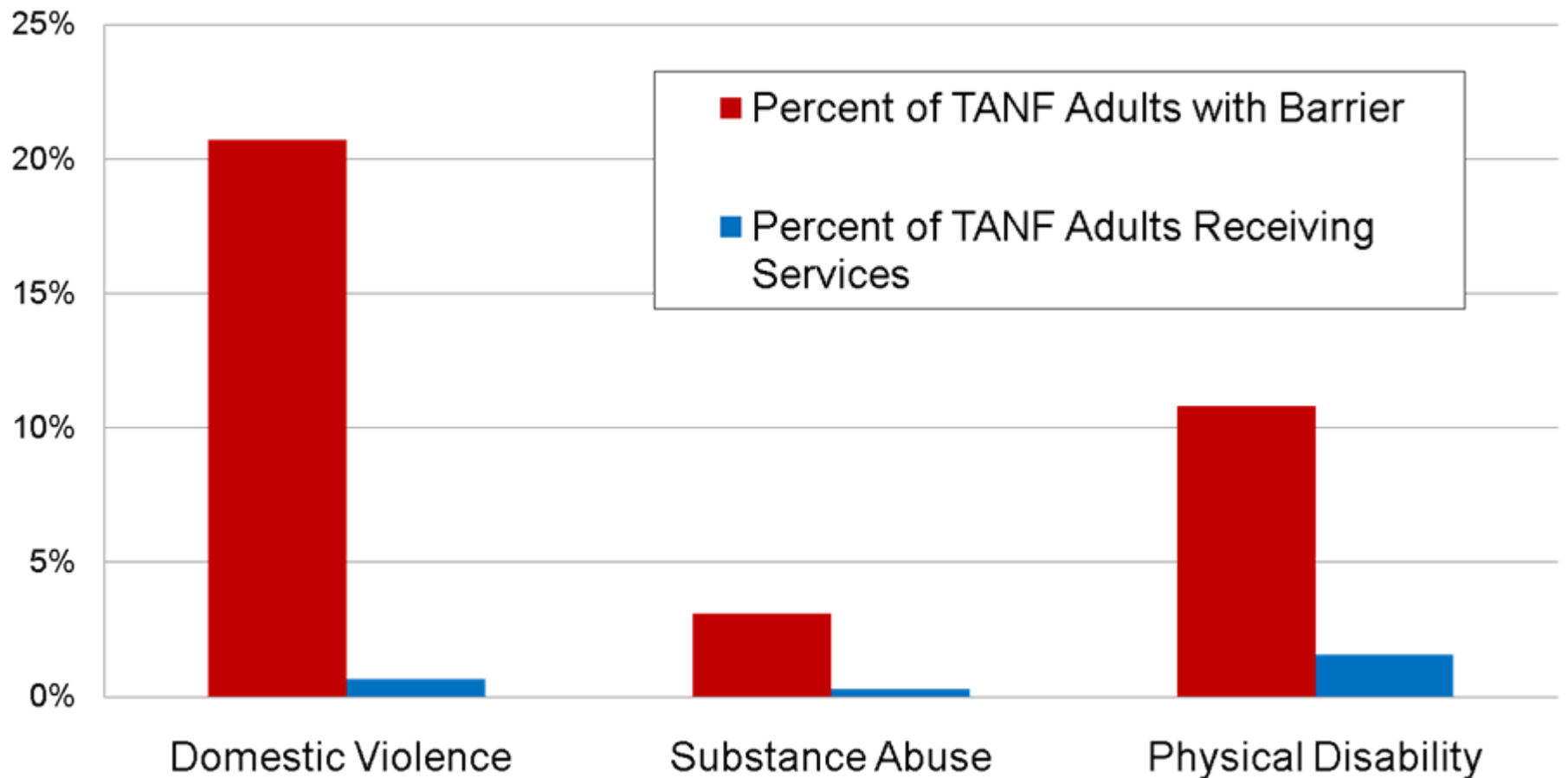
Over 16,000 families in DC are in the TANF program, and about 1 in 3 District children.

Most TANF Recipients Aren't Referred to Education or Vocational Training Programs



Source: Income Maintenance Administration data ; *SWP was eliminated in the FY 2010 budget.

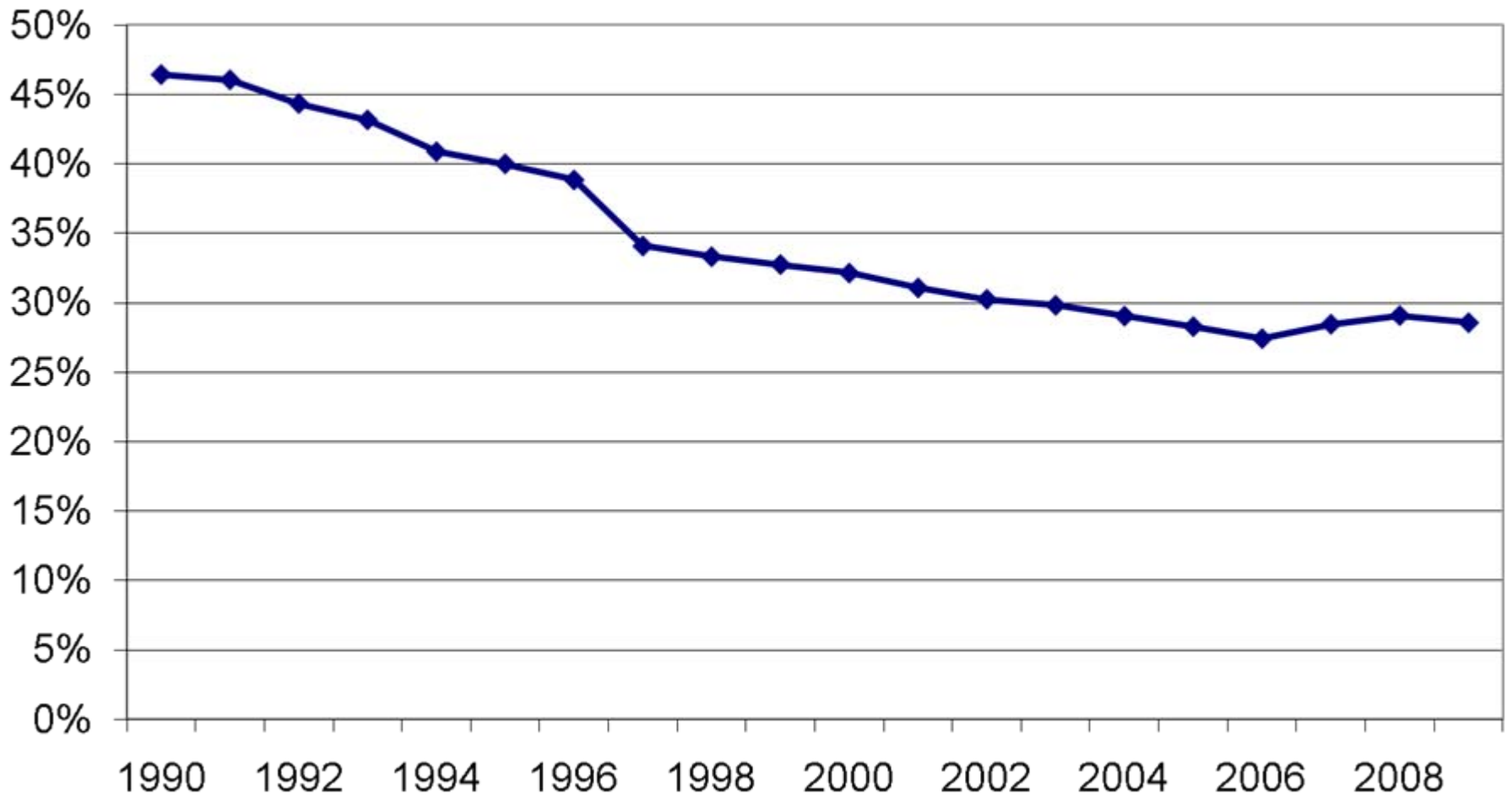
Gap Between Recipients With Barriers to Work and Those Receiving Needed Services, FY 2008



Source: Income Maintenance Administration data

The TANF cash assistance available for a family of three is \$428 per month.

TANF Benefits as a Percent of the Federal Poverty Line, 1990-2009



TANF Benefits and Federal Poverty Line for a family of three, adjusted for inflation to equal 2009 dollars

Recommendations

- Ensure TANF recipients receive an assessment, orientation, and referrals to appropriate services.
- Expand options beyond “work first” to include additional vocational job training, education, and support services.
- Provide an adequate income for TANF recipients.
- Measure program outcomes.



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