

Office of Fraud and Accountability

- ESSB 5921 created effective July 1, 2011
- Secretary Susan Dreyfus created OFA effective May 1, 2011

Presented by:

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~ 25 years in Prosecution

~ Four Terms Elected

Franklin County

Prosecutor

Program Integrity

“The true value of accountability cannot be measured merely in the dollars saved by our thwarting abuse and fraud; it also protects the overall integrity of a government service which helps determine how much the public is willing to spend on it”

- Spokesman Review
Program Integrity

Initial Steps Forward

1. Reorganization

- ✓ Increase quality and quantity of cases statewide
- ✓ Position OFA for future

2. Initial emphasis on EBT and Childcare Fraud

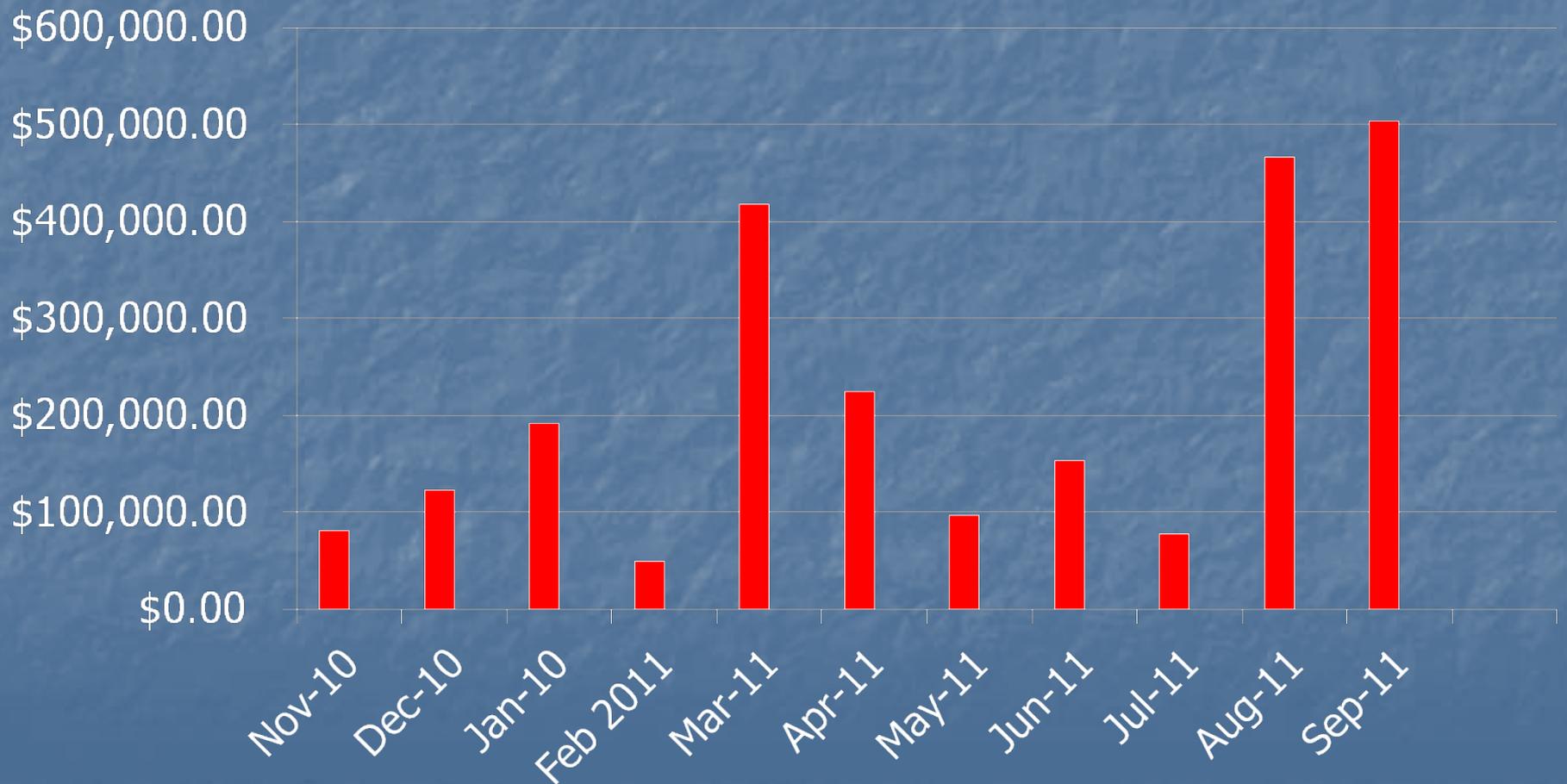
3. Increased Staffing

- ✓ **Added 5 Investigators August, 2011.**
- ✓ **Instantly opened 141 criminal cases.**
- ✓ **Adding more Investigators October 2011.**

4. Increased Partnerships

- ✓ Department of Licensing (DOL) monthly reports cross match their investigators to our clients.
- ✓ United States Department of Agriculture-Office of Inspector General (USDA-OIG) increased number of joint active investigations.
- ✓ Local Law Enforcement is partnering with our investigators statewide.
- ✓ Social Security Administration-Office of Inspector General increased partnership activity.

Increased Results Overpayments



OFA Overpayments

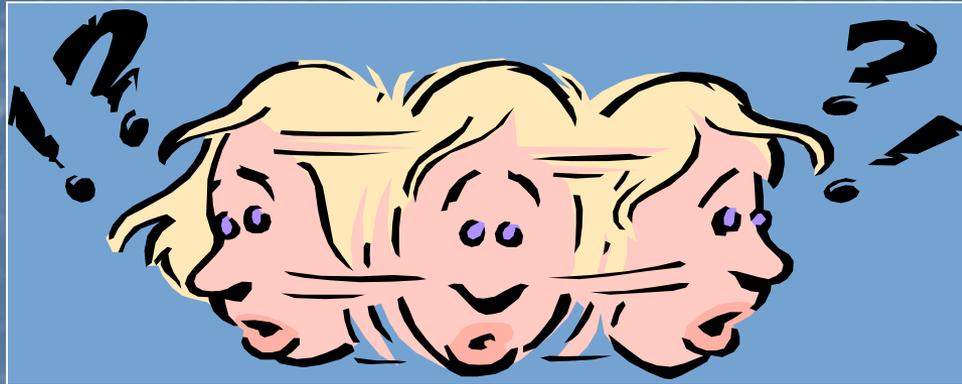
**Totals From
November 2010 - September 2011**

= \$2,385,741.62

Future

- ❖ **Increased use of data and computer analytics to avoid pay and chase, and adapt to current economic realities.**

Questions?



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