

Website Redesign

Implementing the new CA State template

California Victim Compensation & Government Claims Board

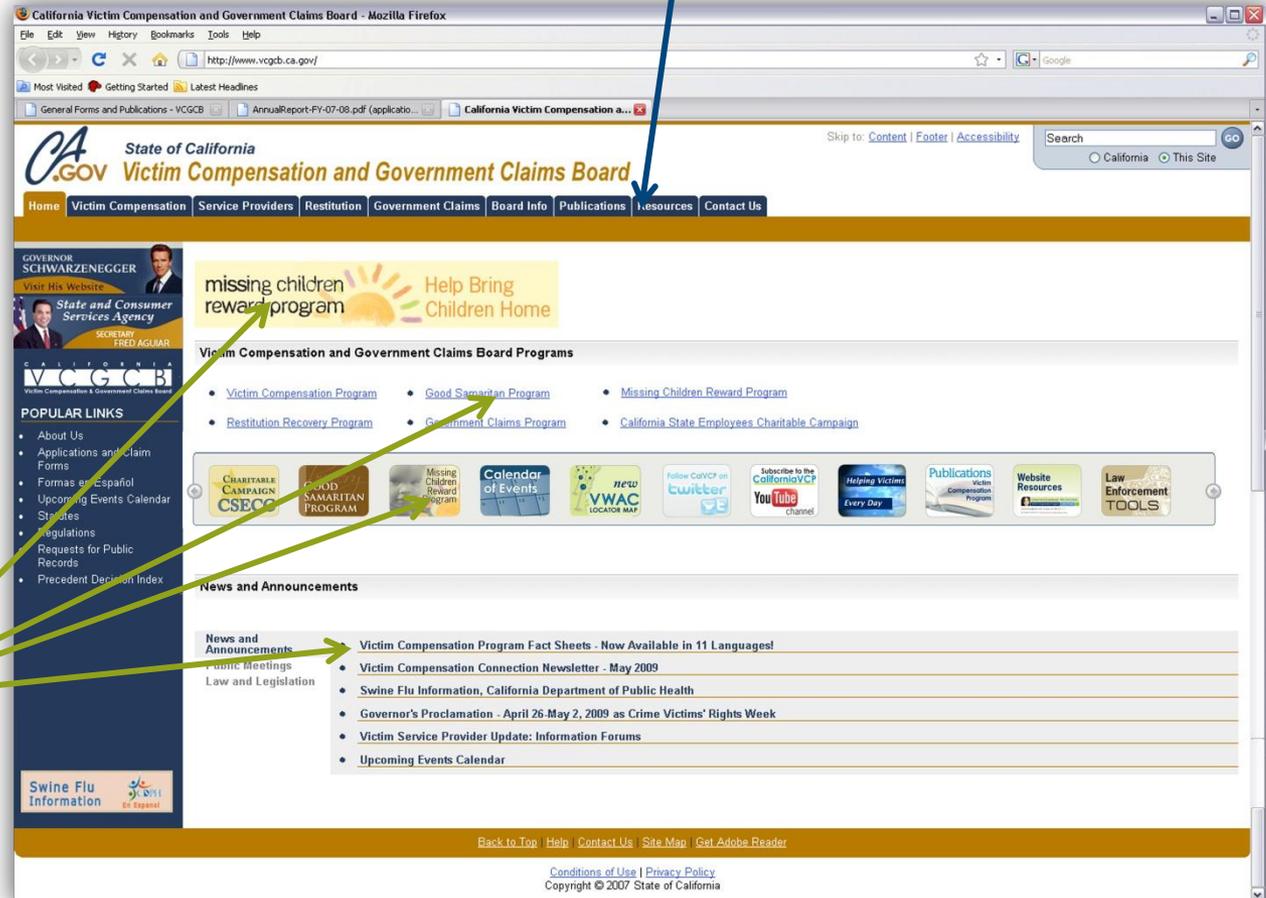
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Before

Wide navigation

Left Nav
available on all
sub pages

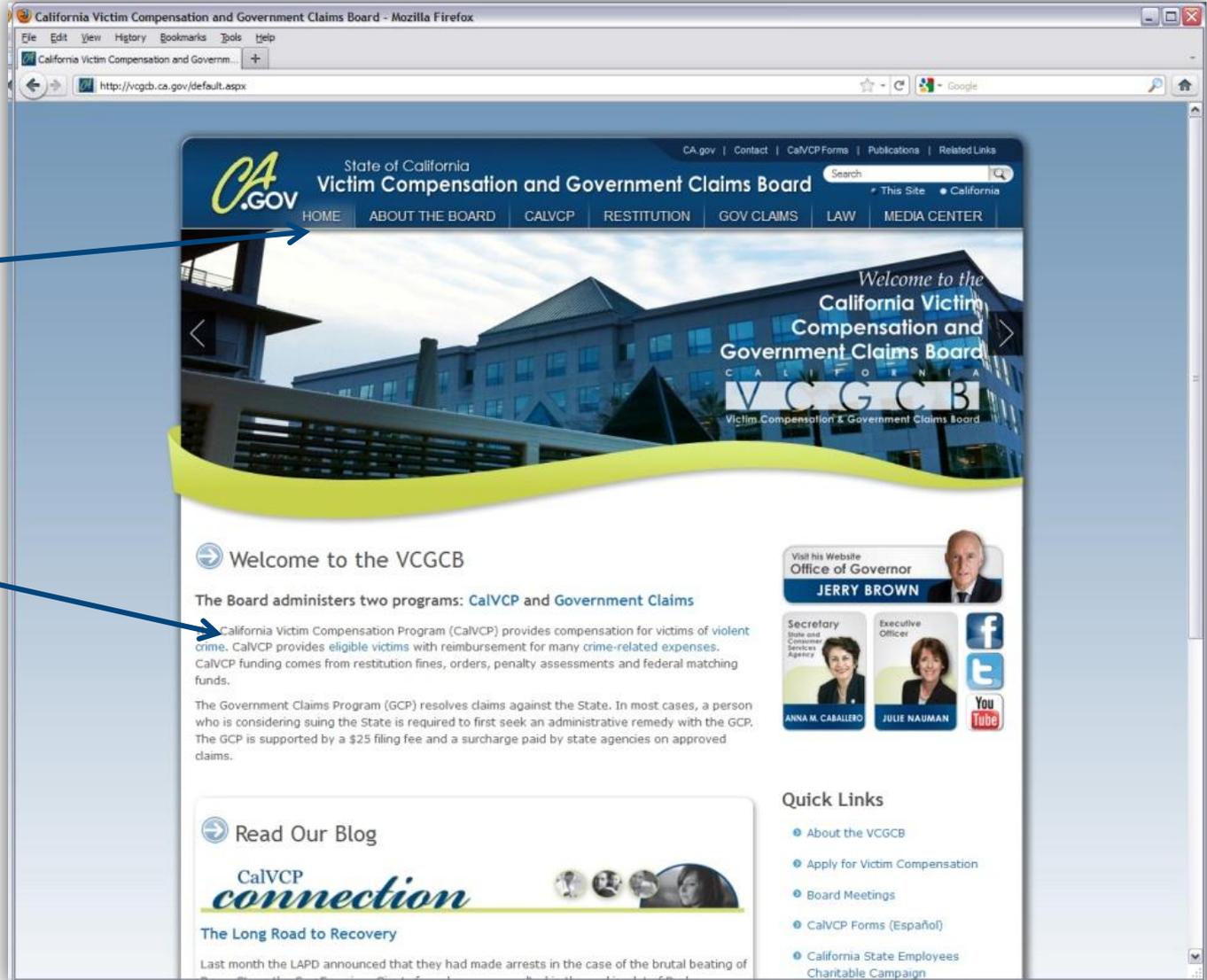
Many visuals
and content
links compete
for attention



Now

Mega dropdown navigation

Simplified content area to split traffic between CalVCP and Government Claims, here.



Project Limitations

- Lack of IT support/budget
- 2 staff members working part-time
- Keeping existing technology & software
- Current website and redesign both developed on the same server

Conversion Process (two months)

December 2010 – February 2011

First Steps

- Editing sitemap, streamline site for fixed width template
- Downloaded the new template
- Created test file for testing master pages
- Previewing new template on our local server

Troubleshooting Process

Customizing the template to fit our needs

Customizing the template

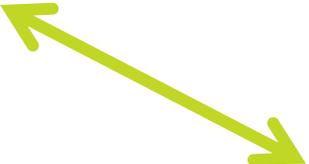
- Customizing the graphics
- Refining CSS
(maintain current hierarchy)
- Changing code to meet
our server/language limitations



The Language Issue

vcgcb.ca.gov/victims/help.aspx

webtools.ca.gov/Downloads/sample3.html



Where Does the Code Go?

default.aspx

```
<%@ Page Language="VB"  
MasterPageFile="~/MasterPages/Home.master" %>
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Home.master

```
<%@ Register Src="~/UserControls/Header.ascx" TagName="Header"  
TagPrefix="include" %>  
<!-- Some of the template code went here... -->  
<include:Header ID="Header1" runat="server" />
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Header.ascx

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<div id="header">  
<!-- ... and some went here. -->  
</div>
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Making it Live

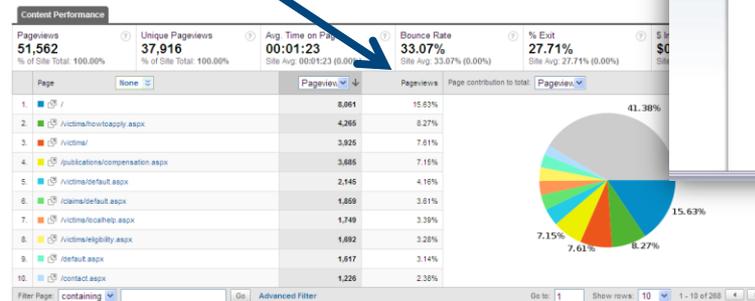
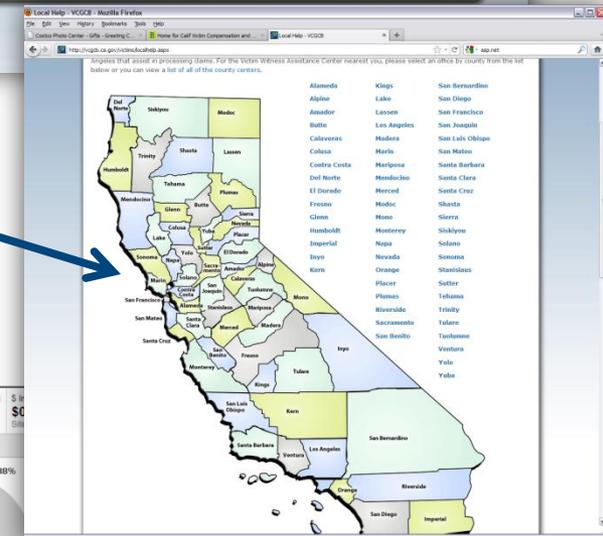
Publishing the Template

Publishing (1 week process)

- Saved back-up copies of the whole site
- Applied the template to all existing pages via Dreamweaver on test server
- Previewed new pages on our test server
- Sent preview for a limited, internal review
- Published local website to the production server (hosted at OTech) after peak hours

Improving the site

- Testing color contrast
- Adding imagery to pages
- Creating interactive map
- Google Analytics



Questions?



Thank you!

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