Realizing Our Potential

Ontario’s Poverty Reduction Strategy
2014-2019

Presentation to: Ways and Means: Health Links
## Continuing to Break the Cycle for Children and Youth

### Objectives
- Building on the foundation of the first PRS, we are recommitting to meet the original target of reducing child poverty by 25 per cent.

### Initiatives
- Ontario Child Benefit Indexation
- Student Nutrition Program Expansion
- Health Benefits for Children and Youth
- Full-Day Kindergarten
- Achieving Excellence/Closing the Educational Achievement Gap

### Goal/Outcome
Reducing child poverty and improving all kids’ chances at a better future.

## Moving Towards Employment & Income Security

### Objectives
- Helping young people transition to employment and removing barriers that prevent vulnerable Ontarians from securing employment.

### Initiatives
- Youth Jobs Strategy
- Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program
- Employment & Training Services Integration
- Employment for Persons with Disabilities
- Social Assistance Reform
- Where possible, leverage new investments

### Goal/Outcome
Helping Ontarians secure employment or rebound from unemployment.

## At Home in Ontario: A Goal to End Homelessness

### Objectives
- Signal a bold long-term commitment to end homelessness.

### Initiatives
- Seek expert advice on homelessness-related target, definitions and data collection
- Investment in Affordable Housing program
- Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative
- At Home/Chez-Soi
- Supportive Housing for people with serious mental illness and/or problematic substance use

### Goal/Outcome
No person in Ontario should have to live on the street.

## Investing in What Works: Using Evidence to Measure Success

### Objectives
- Shaping practices to understand where investments provide the most impact in order to make needed adjustments for better returns in the future.

### Initiatives
- Targets and indicators to track progress
- Annual Reporting
- Social Innovation
- Local Poverty Reduction Fund

### Goal/Outcome
Efficient spending, more effective programs, and better outcomes for people.

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