

# 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.

MEASURE

Birth Weights  
School Readiness (EDI)  
Depth of Poverty  
Educational Progress (EQAO)  
Low Income Measure (LIM 50)

High School Graduation Rates  
NEET  
Adult Long-Term Unemployment

Ontario Housing Measure  
*New homelessness target*

Vulnerable Populations' Poverty Rates  
Standard of Living

