

Realizing Our Potential: Overview

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 Low-Income 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
- Leveraging Future Investments to Target Vulnerable Groups

Goal/Outcome

Helping Ontarians secure employment or rebound from unemployment.

A Long-Term Goal to End Homelessness in Ontario



Objectives

- Signalling 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 mental health and/or addictions issues

Goal/Outcome

No person in Ontario should have to live on the street.

Using Evidence-Based Social Policy and Measuring 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*

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

Goal/Outcome

Efficient spending, more effective programs, and better outcomes for people.

Project's Three Phases

Phase 1:

- Initial outreach to Ontario's communities
- Jointly identify up to 10 participating communities
- Questionnaire to determine current data and indicator landscape



Phase 2:

- Sharing of survey results with entire group
- Up to four engagement sessions (February – April)
- Co-created resource guide



Phase 3:

- Findings inform government decision making – Minister's Table on Poverty and Social Inclusion
- Spring Symposium
- Inform future strategies

Tamarack Cities Reducing Poverty Network EVALUATION FRAMEWORK



PHASE	EXAMPLES
Local Poverty Reduction Efforts: Patterns & Possibilities	Plans, Structures, Engagement, Challenges
By the Numbers: Progress Towards the 1 Million Goal	Household's affected, benefits, categories of benefits, systems and policy changes.
Community Benchmark Reports: Opportunity to compare their work and progress against two benchmarks	(a) their city's overall rate of income poverty against the Canadian average and (b) their leadership profile and outcomes against their VCC peers.
Most Significant Change: Stories from the Field	Sharing change stories about policy changes, engaging business, creation of affordable housing, etc.
VCC Supports: A Year in Review	Understanding what Tamarack is doing that works, needs improvement, and where new learning, coaching, and other services may be indicated.