Poverty Hurts Children and Families

All Ontario children deserve a strong beginning 2018

1 in 5 children under the age of 18 live in poverty in Ontario (544,710)

While child poverty rates slightly declined by 1.6% from 2015 (21.1%) to 2016 (19.5%) - much more must be done to eradicate poverty and provide every child with a fair chance for a healthy life.

Child poverty often looks like

Families in Poverty

1 in 7 families with children live in poverty in Ontario (351,490)

Some causes of Poverty

Low-income households in Ontario are more likely to include Indigenous Peoples, women, racialized people, immigrants, people with disabilities, and lone-parent families.

Poverty Discriminates

Due to structural inequalities and discrimination, poverty rates are higher among marginalized groups.

Key Recommendations

Our solutions target the roots where poverty stems

Raise minimum wage to $15/hr and raise lifted living wage while protecting workers' rights

Pass labour laws which protect workers' rights

Raise Ontario Child Benefit by $100 per child in 2019

Implement income targeted social assistance program to eradicate poverty among marginalized groups

Build affordable housing and make housing strategy to end homelessness

Publicly funded child care - accessible, affordable, high quality

Strengthen income security - including social assistance

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