

# Community Services Niagara Poverty Reduction Strategy

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# Agenda

- Poverty in Niagara
- Indigenous prosperity
- How we created this strategy
- Niagara Poverty Reduction Strategy

# Poverty in Niagara

## In Niagara

- 10.4% of people live in poverty (49,030 people)
- 12.5% of children 0-17 live in poverty (10,710 children)

Annual	Poverty Line
Single	\$22,170
Single 1 child	\$31,353
Couple 2 children	\$44,340

# National Lived Realities of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Children

## Three Tiers of Poverty

Tier 1: In the highest tier of poverty, 47% of status First Nations children live in poverty (53% for those living on reserve and 41% for those living off reserve).

Tier 2: In the second tier, 25% of Inuit children live in poverty, 22% of Métis children live in poverty, and 32% of non-status First Nations children live in poverty. The second tier also encompasses racialized and recent immigrant children, whose average poverty rates are 22% and 35%, respectively.<sup>1</sup>

Tier 3: The third tier of poverty captures poverty rates among non-racialized, non-recent immigrant, non-Indigenous children, who register the lowest rate of child poverty: 12%, which is one quarter the rate for First Nations' child poverty.

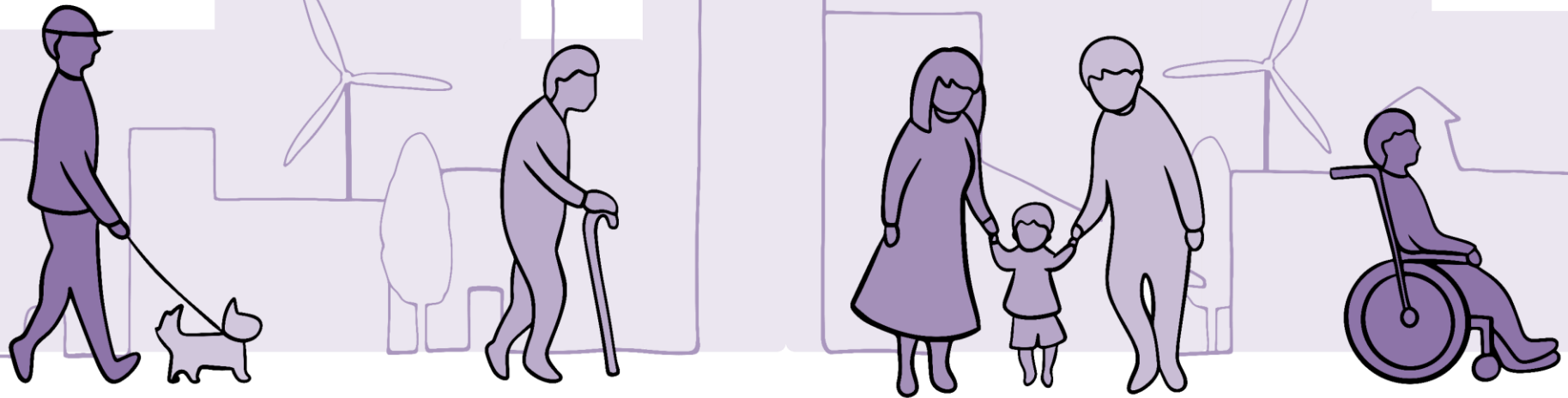
# Indigenous engagement

- 200+ responses

"What do you believe is Indigenous Prosperity?"

# How we got here

- **Community voice** -- 1000+ residents engaged
- **Best Practices**
- **Validation** -- 100+ content experts



# Growing Better Together



## Council Strategic Priorities - Equitable Region

Economic Development Strategy	Children's Services Service System Plan	Consolidated Housing Master Plan	Community Safety and Well-Being Plan	Poverty Reduction Strategy
Niagara Prosperity Initiative	Transportation Master Plan	Housing and Homelessness Action Plan	Indigenous Action Plan	Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Action Plan

# Regional Investment in Poverty Reduction

- . Transit
- . Housing
- . Economic Development
- . Incentives
- . Child Care
- . Social Assistance
- . Homelessness



# Poverty Reduction Strategy - Working together to prevent and end poverty and increase well-being in Niagara



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# Areas of focus



## Indigenous Well-being

### Reconciliation

**Canadian Governments and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People**

# Areas of focus (continued)

 **Housing**

 **Income**

 **Employment**

# Areas of focus (continued)



**Food Security**



**Early Child Development**



**Transportation**

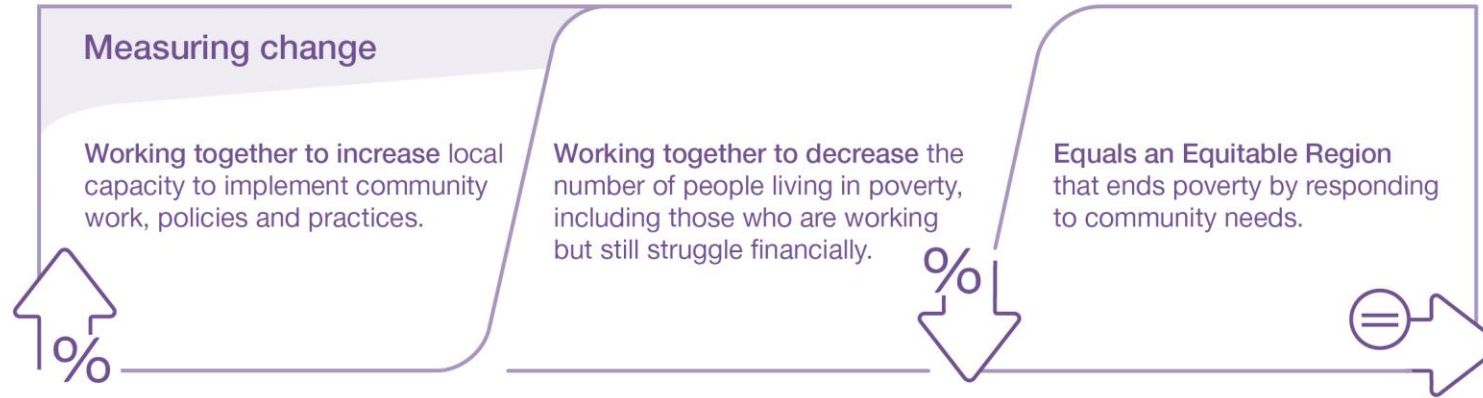


**Mental Health and Addiction**

# How to create change

- Service Access, Coordination and Capacity
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- Leveraging Voices of Lived Expertise
- Changing Mindsets
- Advocacy
- Funding

# Measuring Change



# Strategy in motion



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