

poverty reduction plan

“Child and family poverty is not inevitable. *Campaign 2000* calls on all political parties to commit to developing a multi-year, poverty reduction strategy for Ontario with targets, timetables and financial commitments.

There’s a real opportunity in this election to call on all political parties to build on the measures that have been taken so far and take the next big step which is committing to a specific target.”

■ **Campaign 2000**

“The object of this Act is to guide the Government and Québec society as a whole towards a process of planning and implementing actions to combat poverty, prevent its causes, reduce its effects on individuals and families, counter social exclusion and strive towards a poverty-free Québec.”

■ **Government of Quebec**

“*An Act to Combat Poverty and Social Exclusion,*” 2001

“Hunger is a multi-faceted issue that must be addressed in a coordinated way. Ontario needs a proactive response to the underlying causes of poverty.

...it is time that Ontario move toward a comprehensive, poverty reduction plan with measurements, timetables and a system of outcome-based targets.”

■ **Daily Bread Food Bank**

“ISAC is one of many groups calling for an effective, integrated strategy to reduce poverty in Ontario. To reduce and eventually eliminate poverty, we need:

- a comprehensive poverty reduction plan that addresses the systemic causes of poverty, and
- a strategy that uses a transparent process, includes clear goals and targets and is developed in consultation with low-income people, policy experts and advocates.”

■ **Income Security Advocacy Centre (ISAC)**

“The Ontario Government needs a plan to coordinate the various anti-poverty initiatives. We need a coordinated plan of action with targets, time-lines, monitoring and evaluation so the government and the citizens of Ontario can see how these elements fit together and whether they are bringing us closer to ending poverty and social exclusion in Ontario.”

■ **Citizens for Public Justice**

“Tackling poverty is essential to ensuring a healthy future for our province. Poverty reduction is about both improving the well-being and quality of life of those living in poverty and ensuring a strong and prosperous future for our province.”

□ **Government of Newfoundland & Labrador**
“Reducing Poverty: An Action Plan for Newfoundland & Labrador,” June 2006