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DATA TEAM

Driving our entire community towards greater prosperity through evidence-based results

A team of the

CK POVERTY ACTION PLAN

WHAT IS THE CK POVERTY ACTION PLAN?

With the common goal of no person in Chatham-Kent living in poverty, The **CK Poverty Action Plan** is a roadmap for our community's collective action towards zero poverty in Chatham-Kent.

Our community has the resources, assets, and abilities to eliminate poverty. Leveraging these strengths, the CK Poverty Action Plan lays out action items that, when tackled, will have significant impact in ensuring there is less poor, not just better poor, in Chatham-Kent. With 83% of our population not living in poverty, its only a matter of time before we eliminate poverty in Chatham-Kent.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE DATA TEAM?

Over the next 6 months, the Data Team will collect, research, and share poverty-related data. As the Action Plan takes off, its important that our community is using data effectively to drive action. Therefore, the Data Team works to

- **Identify the information currently used** by community partners to make decisions

- **Gather available data** from government and community partners and **research new data sets**

- **Support community partners in using data** to make decisions based on evidence

ABOUT THE CK PROSPERITY ROUNDTABLE

The **CK Prosperity Roundtable** provides tools, information, and opportunities for our entire community to be involved in, and successful at, ending poverty and achieving prosperity for all in Chatham-Kent.

WHAT IS OUR PURPOSE?

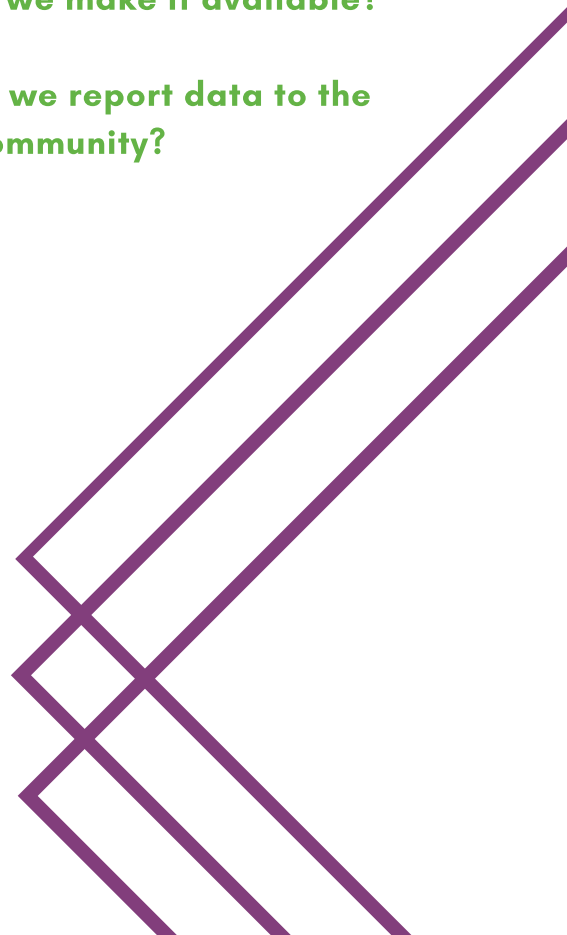> ## *If we act the way we always act, we will get the same results*

For this plan to be successful, our entire community needs to rethink how we understand and approach poverty.

The CK Poverty Action Plan is about **doing action differently**. Our work together, therefore, will look to gather, research, share, and promote the use of relevant data to make evidence-based decisions.

- **Understand the strengths and gaps** in poverty-related data

- **Increase evidence-based approaches** to poverty elimination work

- **Compile a list of community-level data** to use as indicators of success

- **Work with community partners** to identify, analyze, and share data

As we move forward, we should be asking ourselves three important questions.

- **What data is our community currently using to make decisions?**

- **What data does our community need to make better decisions?**

- **What data is not available, and how can we make it available?**

- **How can we report data to the entire community?**

OUR CURRENT DATA SITUATION

Where are we, and where do we need to go?

At the Big Gathering on Poverty Reduction, we shared raw and cross-tabulated Statistics Canada and Municipal data on different aspects of poverty, including transportation, housing, food insecurity, social assistance and income security, education, and employment.

Currently, we have access to the following data centers:
- Community Data Program
- Statistics Canada
- Community Partners output data
- Municipal department output/outcome data

Currently, we have accessed the following data:
- #/% of persons/town in CK living in poverty
- # of persons in poverty by identity
- # of persons in poverty by family type
- # of persons, highest education level attained, median income (CT & ind.)
- Cost of food, income disparity
- CPP/OAS/GIS, Ontario Works, Ontario Disability income levels
- Transportation times
- Housing list wait-times, # of units in need of repair, housing need
- Median # of homeless (chronic), # housed
- # of persons on Ontario Works; by identity; by status
- Working poor & modest income levels (ie. ALICE group)