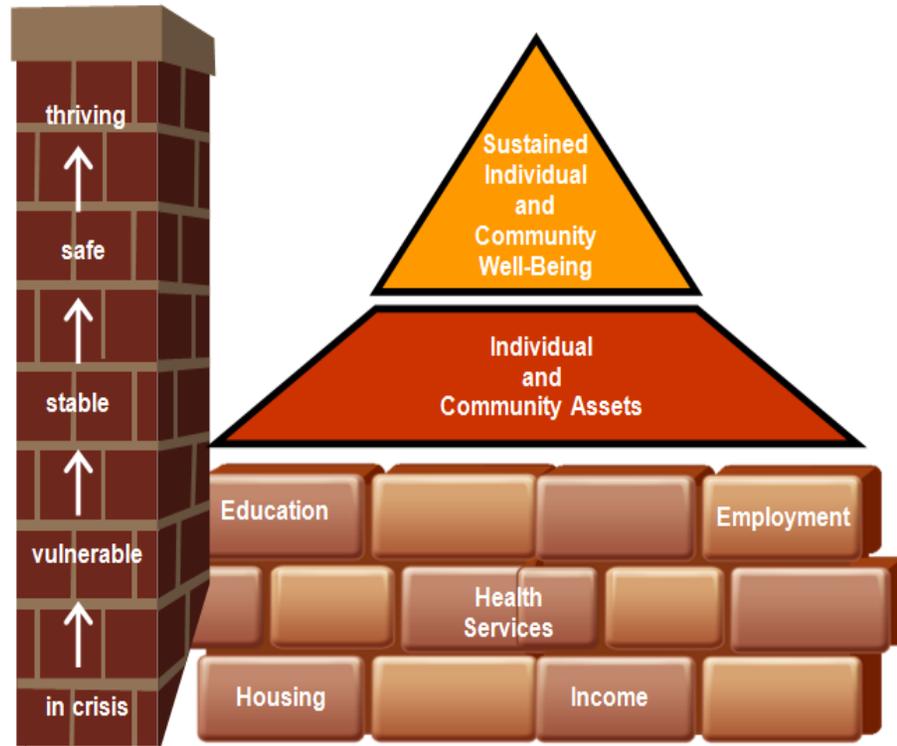


Saskatoon Poverty Reduction Partnership Work Plan 2012-2013

House of Possibilities

Description



INDICATORS

To measure community success in reducing poverty, we identified 8 indicators for sustained individual and community wellbeing.

STRATEGIC FOCUS ACTION GROUPS

Our strategic focus for 2012-2013:

- Ending homelessness;
- Engaging business and faith communities; and
- Strengthening poverty reduction involvement and collaboration with Aboriginal services. There are 3 other existing action groups. These action groups connect to us in different ways. They include monitoring and evaluation, building awareness and policy/university .

POLICY OPTIONS

We monitor, report on and influence progress on evidence based policy options from the *Health Disparity in Saskatoon: Analysis to Intervention* report. These policy options address income, health services, education, employment, and housing. We will seek to be a catalyst for action in order to advance the progress in these areas.

A FOUNDATION IN COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Community leadership is the foundation of our Partnership to reduce poverty. We will build capacity for community leadership and ensure it is integrated into our work so that all partners are empowered to engage in the Partnership. We will also strive to communicate our principles and values as the guiding force for reducing poverty in our community.

"A city that bridges"

A connected and cohesive community

Re-orienting organizations and services to be responsive to community

"Nothing about us without us"

Inclusiveness

Community involvement in decision-making, particularly those with lived experience

Community Leadership

Lead, Organize and Facilitate: Act as a catalyst to re-orient organizations, services and policies to address poverty; facilitate community connections.

Build Awareness: Build community awareness of and response to poverty.

Collaborate Across Sectors: Build a common strategic vision and plan and language to express them across sectors; promote accountability and transparency; balance structure and flexibility in what we do and how we do it; work to create a high level of trust and credibility among partners; create a hub to streamline coordination and support for those working to reduce poverty; build strong connections with related work provincially and nationally.

The metaphor of the house describes the SPRP vision, as a framework for how and where we can change and improve. The metaphor of the house is based on Garry Loewen's work in the *Poverty Compendium of Poverty Reduction Strategies and Frameworks* (2009), adapted here for our use.

Saskatoon Poverty Reduction Partnership Activities for 2012-2013

ROLES	ACTION GROUPS	POLICY OPTIONS	INDICATORS
<p>We will lead, build awareness and response and collaborate:</p> <p>Lead, Organize and Facilitate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a partners' network map on our website to show community poverty reduction activities • Develop a SPRP annual report • Create a SPRP sustainability plan • Prioritize activities for 2013-2014 <p>Build Awareness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use SPRP communication materials like our website, documents, social media, and presentations to inform Saskatoon residents • Provide targeted messaging to different audiences (academics, business, and faith etc.) • Support and participate in community events such as <i>Poverty Awareness Week</i> (Oct 15-19, 2012) <p>Collaborate Across Sectors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan a national Poverty Summit for 2013 (with Tamarack/Vibrant Communities) • Build support and capacity for community initiatives that compliment SPRP work 	<p>We will act:</p> <p>Monitoring and Evaluation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor indicator and policy options (ongoing) • Conduct evaluation(s) <p>Policy/University of Saskatchewan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage our academic partners • Raise poverty awareness on campus <p>Building Awareness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a Strategic Plan • Plan, implement and evaluate a social media campaign around actions to reduce poverty <p>Housing First</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homeless Count (September 2012) • Housing Event (November 2012) • Develop a 10 Point Plan to End Homelessness <p>Engaging Business and Faith</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review literature and create toolkit • Identify community champions • Focus test engagement resources and distribute <p>Support for Aboriginal services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen involvement and collaboration with Aboriginal organizations • Support assets for identified needs 	<p>We will monitor and report on:</p> <p>Overall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a Multi-Year, Targeted Plan to Reduce Poverty <p>Income</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove Working Earning Clawbacks • Index Social Assistance rates to Inflation • Increase Public Understanding of Social Determinants of Health <p>Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase Support for Community Schools • Universal Child Care for Low Income Parents • Reserve Education Placements for Low Income Students <p>Housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand Affordable Housing Projects • Support for Home Ownership • Develop a Long-term, Consolidated, Comprehensive, Interagency Social Housing System for Hard to House Individuals • Increase Monthly Shelter Allowances • Renewed Federal Responsibility for Social Housing <p>Employment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting measurable Goals: More Work for Aboriginal People • Comprehensive Return to Work Programs <p>Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More Health Resources in Low Income Neighbourhoods <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident led Neighbourhood Development • Broader Engagement with Business and Labour Communities 	<p>We will measure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market basket measure • Employees that are permanently employed • Labour force participation rate • Children ready for school as measured by the Early Development Instrument • Average rent for a 2-bedroom apartment • Median multiple which measures the affordability of housing • Infants scored as 'at-risk' on the In-Hospital Birth Questionnaire • Clients that used the food bank over a one-month period • Graduation rates (<i>to be determined</i>)