

## Poverty Strategy #1

Accessible client centered services providing equal consideration and treatment for all clients.

Solutions	Supportive details and action items
Lobby Provincial Government for system changes.	Engage with Political Candidates during elections
	Advocate for the ability to save and build equity while on social assistance
	More discretion or flexibility for case workers.
	Smoother transition between programs (ex: moving from ODSP to CPP)
Engage with people with lived experience to identify gaps.	Work collaboratively to address gaps in our community.
Offer training opportunities to grow empathy in the front-line sector.	Offer more Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion training to agencies.
Connect with national programs on credit creation for social assistance recipients.	Use these resources to advocate with community, workers and recipients.
<b>Timeline:</b>	0 to 6 months

<b>Poverty Strategy #2</b>	
Advocate for accessibility to basic needs.	
<b>Solutions</b>	<b>Supportive details and action items</b>
Advocate for free or affordable education and training.	Advocate for affordable trades training.
	Join existing campaign such as Ontario Federation of Students and provide input on provincial planning tables provinces
Fight to end food insecurity	Revive Food insecurity working group.
	Join existing campaign such Food Secure Canada, Feed Ontario, Second Harvest Canada, Sustain Ontario and provide input on provincial planning tables provinces
	Continue working to implement Community Gardens
	Create a local strategy to tackle Food Waste
	Support Green Food Boxes
Advocate for a Basic Income/Living wage	Advocate for fair increases to ODSP and OW that includes clothing allowance, moving expenses. first and last month's rent etc.
	Ensure it reflects continuous increase in cost of living.
Identify service gaps in transportation including our rural community	Work with Cornwall Transit for affordable passes.
	Advocate for free transit
	Create a plan to address transportation in the counties and Akwesasne.
<b>Timeline:</b>	0 to 6 months

### Poverty Strategy #3

Identify the gaps in services offered to the working poor.

Solutions	Supportive details and action items
Engage with existing agencies and people with lived experience to identify the gaps	Work as a collective to find solutions gaps in services offered to working people living in poverty.
Fight against Precarious work to ensure employees are receiving benefits.	Contract, seasonal, part time
Advocate for affordable daycare	Review current income guideline to ensure they reflect cost of living increase.
Lobby to create a cap on Payday loans.	Support Hon. Pierrette Ringuette with her Bill to Amend the criminal code. <a href="https://sencanada.ca/en/senators/ringuette-pierrette/interventions/563562/31">https://sencanada.ca/en/senators/ringuette-pierrette/interventions/563562/31</a>
<b>Timeline:</b>	0 to 6 months

### Poverty Strategy #4

Ensure adult learners have access to diverse and inclusive learning opportunities	
Solutions	Supportive details and action items
Continued marketing campaigns to promote existing programs with different learning styles	Education resource list. One location that promotes all adult education options from literacy to university.
	Promote and expand existing literacy training and employment preparation programs.
Remove barriers to adult learners	Ensure Internet access and technology is accessible
	Adult guidance counselling and mentorship to support educational goals and career changes.
Promote the use of Second Career	Advocate for fewer restrictions and recognize being a stay-at-home parent as a first career.
Empower people to consider entrepreneurship programs	Promote local organizations that support new business owners.
<b>Timeline:</b>	6 months to a year

### Poverty Strategy #5

Adaptive, accessible, and flexible social services delivery model to meet people and their individual needs.

Solutions	Supportive details and action items
Reduce barriers to accessing services	Encourage municipalities and institutions to provide free internet access to ensure there are no barriers to accessing services.
	Create satellite offices across SDG and Akwesasne
	Encourage agencies to offer flexible hours
	Offer free or affordable transportation
	Ensure clients have access to technology.
	Ensure services are accessible to all abilities
	Encourage the use of Translation services.
Work with 211 or ConnexOntario to help identify gaps in how to provide services.	Use data to fill gaps in service delivery.
<b>Timeline:</b>	On going

## Poverty Strategy #6

Equip individuals with skills that build resilience

Solutions	Supportive details and action items
Create a community wide communication and promotional strategy for existing programs.	Create an inventory of existing programs that includes following subjects: Food prep, budget, laundry, sex education, independence, financial Literacy, good consumer practices, resiliency, healthy relationship, Stress Management, conflict resolution skills, conflict resolution skills, anger management, anger management, Emotion regulation, Coping mechanism, self compassion self awareness. forgiveness etc
Fill the gaps identified when inventory is created.	Ensure culturally appropriate accessible workshops are delivered by existing partners.
	Ensure this starts in the school systems with age appropriate topics at every step of their development.
<b>Timeline:</b>	1 to 2 years

**Poverty Strategy #7**

Prevention and mentorship programs that can break the cycle of poverty.

Solutions	Supportive details and action items
Support the implementation of mentorship programs	Support the implementation of Circles across SDG, Cornwall and Akwesasne
	Encourage Big Brothers Big Sisters to launch a local Mpower program for youth 15 to 24 (Transition into adulthood)
	Help promote the recruitment of BIGs with Big Brothers Big Sisters
Create opportunities to expand your social network and community.	A coordinated effort to connect people to the appropriate faith-based groups and clubs to build connects.
Opportunities to teach financial skills	Life financial planning and Budgeting.
<b>Timeline:</b>	1 to 2 years

### Poverty Strategy #8

Remove the stigma that is often associated with living below the poverty line.

Solutions	Supportive details and action items
Education campaign targeted to employers	Education and information for employers on the reality of poverty and the barriers it may cause employees.
Public education campaigns about the reality of living in poverty	Support the planning of and participation in events like the Homelessness Maze, Do the Math Challenge, the Poverty Game, Hunger Awareness Challenge etc Encourage employers, government officials, business leaders, drs, lawyers CEOs to participate.
	Community campaign with real stories of living in poverty that the community can relate to.
	Workshops on the reality of poverty to the general public, business community, front line staff, government officials, elected officials, community leaders etc.
<b>Timeline:</b>	0 to 6 months

## Poverty Strategy #9

Supporting children of low-income families.

Solutions	Supportive details and action items
Promote existing programs supporting youth and child development.	Support existing breakfast and snack programs
	Promote homework help programs and tutoring
Advocate for financial assistance for specific needs	Financial assistance for after school and homework programs
	Allowance for clothing and supplies for children going back to school.
	Affordable/free extra curricular activities
Advocate for a better learning environment for all.	Advocate for smaller class sizes, more EAs etc
<b>Timeline:</b>	2 to 4 years

## Poverty Strategy #10

Ensure we have adequate housing for all

Solutions	Supportive details and action items
Work with existing efforts lead by municipalities	Support the Mayor's task force on housing and United Counties Housing Plan
	Lobby for implementation once plans are in place.
	Support the implementation of City of Cornwall and United Counties of Stormont Dundas & Glengarry Housing Revitalization Plan
	Encourage the development of incentive programs for landowners to donate property for social housing
Advocate to simplify the process to apply for housing supports.	Work with social and housing services to advocate for necessary changes at the provincial level.
Advocate for more supportive housing for those with specific needs	Such as mental health illnesses, disabilities, or other health needs.
	Ensure adequate supportive devices (Lighting, visual doorbell/fire alarm, etc)
Advocate for the creation of an emergency shelter and transitional housing.	Work with existing efforts by the local non-profit community.
<b>Timeline:</b>	0 to 6 months

### Poverty Strategy #11

Join a campaign that encourage employers to pay a living wage.

Solutions	Supportive details and action items
Create a local living wage campaign in collaboration with the provincial movement	Celebrate employers who already pay a living Work with chambers of commerce.
Education and awareness on the economic impact of living wage.	Use local media sources and social media
<b>Timeline:</b>	6 months to a year

