Key Accomplishments of the 2008-2013 Poverty Reduction Strategy

INCOME / CHILD POVERTY

- About 47,000 children and their families have been lifted out of poverty between 2008 and 2011.
- The child poverty rate in Ontario fell from 15.2 in 2008 to 13.6 per cent in 2011:

  61,000 children were prevented from falling into poverty in 2011.

OVER 1,000,000 CHILDREN IN OVER 500,000 FAMILIES WILL BE HELPED BY THE ONTARIO CHILD BENEFIT THIS YEAR.

In 2012-13, the Ontario Child Benefit Equivalent provided:
- More than 11,000 children and youth in care of children’s aid societies with educational, recreational, cultural and social activities.
- Almost 7,000 youth in care with savings to support their transition to adulthood.

EDUCATION

- Almost 184,000 kids are getting a stronger start in about 2,600 schools through full-day kindergarten.
- Ontario’s high school graduation rate increased to 83 per cent in 2011-12 from 68 per cent in 2003-04.
- In 2012-13, over 695,000 students received nutritious food to support learning and success in school through the Student Nutrition Program.

HEALTH CARE

- Over 43,000 children and young people, who may have otherwise gone untreated, are receiving free dental care through Healthy Smiles Ontario.
- An estimated 35,000 more children and young people are getting faster and easier access to the right mental health supports with 770 new mental health workers in schools, communities and the courts.

THE POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY HELPS LOWER CHILD POVERTY

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Note: Statistics Canada data for the income-based indicators lags by 18 months.

HOUSING

Ontario is supporting:
- The creation of over 17,000 affordable rental housing units;
- More than 263,000 repairs and improvements to social and affordable housing units; and,
- Rental and down payment assistance to over 81,000 households in need.

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