

DESIRED RESULT:

A system that is designed to reduce the incidence and experience of poverty and promote intergenerational well-being so that all kids, families, and communities have the opportunity to reach their full potential, and social and economic well-being passes from one generation to the next.

GOALS

- ★ Prevent the incidence and disproportionate experience of poverty
- ★ Make the experience of poverty rare, brief, one-time
- ★ Offset and reverse the affects of poverty
- ★ Invest in intergenerational well-being

STRATEGIES

- Identify shared results foundational for all Washingtonians
- Broaden definition of poverty to include concepts of dignity & inclusion
- Recognize community-defined measures of success & well-being
- Conduct and invest in research to address root causes
- Disaggregate data by meaningful demographic and geographic levels

RECOMMENDATIONS



STRATEGIES

- High quality early learning & K-12 education for all
- Pathways to higher education, vocational training, & career-building
- Environments that support health, safety, stability, & well-being
- Tax system that supports asset- and wealth-building
- Health and human service system allows for the combination of wages, benefits, and assistance to meet foundational needs
- Social networks, inclusion, dignity & belonging

RECOMMENDATIONS



STRATEGIES

- Build leadership in key institutions to reflect diversity of state
- Invest in customized, community-led public/private partnerships & solutions
- Invest resources where they are most needed
- Hold systems accountable to shared results

RECOMMENDATIONS



STRATEGIES

- Elevate voice and influence of those most affected by issues
- Make the connection between poverty reduction & intergenerational well-being for people, communities, & economy crystal clear
- Recognize poverty as the product of an imperfect economic system

RECOMMENDATIONS



STRATEGIES

- Hold listening sessions in communities most affected by poverty
- Honor history as told by indigenous people and people of color
- Mandate trainings in equity, diversity, & inclusion
- Use data, stories, and research to develop shared truth & understanding

RECOMMENDATIONS



STRATEGIES

- State recognition of the history of oppression & inequality
- Honor the truth of the history, stories, and experience of those most affected by poverty
- Explore strategies of truth & reconciliation

RECOMMENDATIONS

