



REDUCING POVERTY TOGETHER

Oxford County

Who are we?

The Reducing Poverty Together Committee is a collaborative of community stakeholders (agencies, clubs, individuals, etc.) who are working together to oversee the development and direct the implementation of the Reducing Poverty Together Strategy.

Our mission

We seek to end poverty in Oxford County and improve the quality of life for all.

The Quality of Life indicators we are focused on include, but are not limited to:

- education and training
- income and employment
- shelter
- health
- food security
- safety
- transportation

What is poverty?

Poverty is the condition of a person who is deprived of the resources, means, choices and power necessary to acquire and maintain a basic level of living standards and to facilitate integration and participation in society.

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Our Strategy and Priorities for 2022-2024

Access to Services/Information:

Goal: A future where “individuals can easily access supports and services and build strong relationships with service providers.”

This builds on access to information through well-known sources, like Ontario 211.

Access to Housing:

Goal: A future where “there is access to affordable, adequate, and suitable housing options, with critical supports; a variety of housing types are integrated within our communities.”

We will support the extensive work started by the Oxford Housing Action Collaborative.



Access to Food:

Goal: A future where “everyone has access to fresh, affordable, and healthy food; locally grown food is accessible to all.”

Our focus will be on local infrastructure for food service providers.

Access to Education:

Goal: A future where “everyone has equal access to productive, dependable learning environments so they can thrive; no one is at a disadvantage due to lack of accessible, available, and appropriate educational resources and ongoing support.”

We will support the work of Communities Building Youth Futures Oxford.

These priority areas address some symptoms of poverty by focusing on meeting basic needs and income for all. But our vision looks beyond—we are not only working towards a future that meets an individual’s basic needs but one that offers people the supports they need to thrive.

Background

Zero Poverty Oxford, established in 2018, was charged with the work of developing Oxford County’s Zero Poverty Plan, a strategy to eliminate poverty.

Between 2018 and 2020, our priorities were assisting with access, community engagement, education and awareness and living wage, and also moving people more quickly onto the Ontario Disability Support Program.

No single individual, organization, business or government can eliminate all poverty. Recognizing that community needs have change, in 2021, Zero Poverty Oxford became Reducing Poverty Together.

Contact for more information

Interested in getting involved, sharing ideas, or learning more? Please reach out!

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