**The Lanark County Poverty Working Group**

Poverty is “ the condition we experience when our basic needs
are not met”

**Who are we?**

We are a brand new (Winter 2016) working group of the Lanark County Planning Council for Children, Youth and Families. We come from Lanark County health and social service agencies that see the effects generational poverty and vulnerability to loss of income has on families.

**Who can join? What can we do?**

The working group is open to anyone who wants to make a contribution to changing poverty. Anyone is welcome to join the Working Group. Or you can get involved in a specific event or activity.

**What we would like to accomplish?**

We have identified three areas for action:

1. Work towards an integrated network of supports for Lanark County residents vulnerable to poverty
2. Work towards systemic changes that can reduce or eliminate poverty
3. Provide education to different audiences about the impact of living in poverty.

**What specific ideas do we have for action?**

These are just ideas, not plans but….

1. Hold a forum for interested service providers to choose the projects they can collaborate on to address poverty
2. Advocate and educate about the Basic Income Guarantee
3. Address feasibility of starting “Getting Ahead” and “Circles” programs in Lanark County.

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