



MISSION: To reduce the number of people living in poverty and to increase economic opportunity for all Californians.

GOALS:

- Increase awareness about poverty and income inequality in California and its effect on individuals and the state
- Work with the Executive branch, academia, employers, community based organizations, labor, local government and others to develop and implement data driven policy changes to reduce poverty rates and increase income equality
- Provide a lasting structure within the Legislature to regularly examine the state of poverty and income inequality in California and to drive policy change

STATISTICS:

- The 2011 Census reports that 16.3 percent of Californians live at or below the federal poverty level.
- When expanding the federal poverty level formula to include basic needs, such as clothing, shelter, utilities and government programs designed to assist low income families, 23.5 percent of Californians live at or below the federal poverty level.
- One-third of the 6 million impoverished Californians are children.
- Nearly one out of four children in the state is currently living in a poverty-stricken household.

PARTNERS:

- Western Center on Law and Poverty
- Service Employees International Union (SEIU) California
- The California Business Roundtable
- The County Welfare Directors Association of California (CWDA)
- California Church IMPACT