

POVERTY REDUCTION GAME CHANGER SERIES

GAME CHANGER #4 - EDUCATION

Literacy, graduation from high school or equivalency, affordable and accessible post-secondary education, and opportunities for alternative learning supports.



Education is both a continuum of learning and a lifelong process that enables an individual to achieve his or her goals and develop his or her full potential. High quality early childhood education puts children on a path to development and success. Adults with higher levels of education are more likely to obtain and retain safe and secure employment, enjoy higher salaries, be economically self-sufficient, and be more resilient to life changes. Literacy is a core component of education and a key determinant of health. It facilitates economic and social relationships, and is foundational for future learning. Education, training, and lifelong learning need to be affordable, accessible and of high quality. As education is a driver of economic success and security, we need to invest in it, to invest in each other, and to create opportunity for all.

**What is a poverty reduction Game Changer? Read: [Sometimes to hear the music you have to turn down the noise](#).
Have feedback or ideas on our Game Changer exploration? Let us know by filling out this [short survey](#).**

RECOMMENDATIONS ON BEST PRACTICES AND POLICIES

FEDERAL



Government
of Canada

[Canada Learning Bond](#) – \$500 grant for parents to start saving for a child’s education after high school, plus annual grants to a maximum of \$2,000.

PROVINCIAL / TERRITORIAL



Ontario

[Ontario Student Grant](#) – Increased access to interest-free and low-cost student loans, and free tuition for many Ontario students with annual household incomes of less than \$50,000.



[New Brunswick’s Economic and Social Inclusion Plan](#) – Funds educational

projects including elementary school summer camps providing experiential learning for low-income children, and literacy mentors.

MUNICIPAL / COMMUNITY

- [Frontier College Aboriginal Literacy Camps: Bridging the Gap](#) – Creates early literacy opportunities in remote Aboriginal communities, including free summer camps for Aboriginal youth to prevent summer learning loss, encourage a love of reading, and contribute to better educational outcomes.
- [Living Saint John’s Partnership](#) – Closes the educational attainment gaps associated with low socio-economic status through maintaining grade appropriate levels of literacy, supporting youth to persist through high school and obtain a diploma, and ensuring students become academically prepared for post-secondary education or to enter the work force.
- [Red Deer Reads Adult Literacy](#) – Program that matches Adult Basic Literacy learners (ABL) and English as a Second Language learners (ESL) learners with volunteer tutors to work with tutors or in small groups to support reading, writing, and numeration up to about a Grade 9 level.
- [United Way Canada’s All that Kids Can Be](#) – Improves access to early childhood learning and development programs, and helps kids to complete high school and transition into post-secondary.