

Fact Sheet

END CHILD POVERTY IN CALIFORNIA

End Child Poverty in California is a campaign to educate Californians about the severity of child poverty and to raise awareness that there is a research-backed, data-driven solution that could reduce child poverty by 50%. This campaign is coordinated by GRACE along with partner organizations. Only by working together can we make child poverty a priority in California.

PROBLEM

California has the highest child poverty rate in the country after adjusting for the cost of living. More than one-fifth of children in California—1.9 million—live in poverty.

SOLUTION

Based on extensive research conducted by the [Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality](#) and [GRACE](#), a comprehensive, data-driven policy approach was developed that will substantially reduce poverty in California. It addresses the problem of child poverty holistically, and is grounded in the belief that all children deserve an equal opportunity to reach their full potential.

GRACE APPROACH

Impacting poverty of this magnitude requires an unprecedented and comprehensive investment in proven strategies. Research indicates that expanding and investing in the following programs would reduce poverty in California by 50 percent:

- Pre-Natal and Home Visiting Services
- Childcare
- Early Childhood Education
- After School and Summer School Programs
- California Promise Zones designated in areas with concentrated poverty
- Job Training
- Expanded State Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)
- Increase in CalWORKS grants

IMPACT

- Reduce child and family poverty by 50%
- Reduce child abuse
- 170,000 new jobs will be created
- Significant cost savings in healthcare, foster care, juvenile detention, social services and incarceration