


**Regional Intersectoral Committee Strategies**  
**Aligned with the Saskatchewan Child and Family Agenda**  
**Presented at the RIC/SIMS Forum, April 22, 2015**



<b>Child and Family Agenda Goal</b>	<i>Families are strong</i> <i>Communities are supportive</i>
<b>Focus/Priority</b> 	<p><b>Partners to End Poverty Strategy</b></p> <p>We believe that poverty is not inevitable and everyone is better off if we address poverty. Strategic, coordinated effort is required.</p> <p><b>Vision:</b> Poverty Free Communities in Northeast Saskatchewan</p> <p><b>Mission:</b> To create conditions to enable all people in northeast Saskatchewan to actively participate in economic and social life and enjoy a livelihood that will sustain well-being.</p> <p><b>Strategy Goals:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Increase awareness of poverty and approaches to end poverty</li> <li>2. Work with communities to address issues in the identified priority areas of: housing, transportation, literacy and inclusion</li> <li>3. Enhance existing partnerships</li> <li>4. Facilitate the development of new partnerships</li> <li>5. Monitor progress toward the goals of poverty reduction and partnership creation</li> </ol> <p><b>We value:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaboration</li> <li>• Inclusion, voice and dignity</li> <li>• Creative, strength based approaches</li> <li>• Responsiveness to community</li> <li>• Celebration of successes</li> <li>• Commitment to sustaining poverty free communities</li> </ul>
<b>Activities/Inputs</b>	<p><b>Partnerships to End Poverty Forum- October 16, 2014 in Tisdale</b></p> <p>This one day forum attended by 63 individuals from the northeast provided a venue to consult with community and first voices on emerging issues and opportunities, highlight successful partnerships and programs, raise awareness of the affects of poverty in the northeast and sustain the momentum of previous poverty reduction work by the RIC, Food For All Coalition, NE Poverty Reduction Task Force. The forum was supported through funding from the Community Initiatives Fund.</p> <p><b>Partners to End Poverty</b></p> <p>We were able to contract the services of a <b>coordinator</b> through a grant from Community Initiatives Fund – February 2015- January 2016. Activities include:</p> <p>Communications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creation of logo, creation of FB page, news release/ public service announcements, presentations, housing update in the northeast</li> <li>• Utilizing the Saskatoon Poverty Reduction Partnership, Saskatoon Health Region, Poverty Costs, Poverty Free Saskatchewan and Upstream research and communications tools</li> <li>• Ongoing community consultation and communications though existing interagency</li> </ul>

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	<p>groups and community Partners to End Poverty leadership teams to guide activities and enhance partnerships</p> <p>Coordination:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poverty Busters: Income Tax Help- completed and others scheduled Food Security, Safe/ affordable housing, Landlord/ Tennant rights and responsibilities, Literacy</li> </ul> <p>Building Partnerships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilizing networks, relationships, community strengths and relationships</li> <li>• Utilizing tools from Tamarack Community Engagement/ Vibrant Communities/ Sustainable Livelihoods as a Theory of Change</li> </ul> <p>Collective Impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognizing the efforts and impact of our partners</li> <li>• Tracking and reporting on the collective impact</li> </ul>
<b>Deliverables/ Results</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partnerships to End Poverty Forum Report on Station Talk consultations which has guided the strategy (on northeastric.ca website)</li> <li>• Forum Photo-voice presentation on northeastric.ca website</li> <li>• Enhanced partnership: Town of Nipawin Fire department, Primary Health Care Provider Teams, Eastern Region II Metis Nation, Sask Tel Pioneers, Cumberland College, Nipawin Oasis, KidsFirst</li> <li>• Organizations and communities have identified issues/ barriers in our community context contributing to vulnerability of individuals and families: transportation, housing, inclusion, literacy</li> <li>• Because our region has been involved in addressing poverty (Northeast Food Charter – 2005, Housing – 2010,2012 Poverty Free Saskatchewan consultations- 2012, Poverty Reduction Task Force 2013, Parent Engagement Strategy 2014) and has facilitated ongoing community and lived experience engagement, the Northeast RIC is ready, willing and able to provide rural perspectives to the Advisory Group on Poverty Reduction</li> <li>• The coordinator will present a report to the RIC in January 2016 regarding the impact of <i>Partners to End Poverty</i> strategy. The RIC will seek opportunities to sustain <i>Partners to End Poverty</i>.</li> </ul>
<b>RICs/SIMS Collective Action</b>	<p>The announcement of the development of a Saskatchewan Poverty Reduction Strategy is encouraging. The Northeast RIC is pleased to provide input regarding the issues of poverty and identifying the strengths, gaps and opportunities within our community context. Because the Northeast RIC has well developed integrated networks and has focused initiatives on housing, literacy and food security, will continue to build community capacity to address poverty. Consistent strategic resources for community based interventions/ programs that are flexible to meet the needs of rural constituents would be very useful. The RIC identified housing, transportation and community inclusion as three cornerstone poverty issues in the northeast. Provincial policy and programs need to be developed, resourced, implemented and monitored to achieve the goal of ending poverty.</p>

Respectfully submitted to the Senior Inter- Ministry Steering Committee by:

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