

Declaration of Principles and Actions Steps for Economic Security in Saskatchewan

- We call on the government of Saskatchewan to develop and implement a basic income supplement as the first step toward a universal basic income program in Saskatchewan.
- We have a vision of a universal basic income which would be supplemented by a package of targeted programs i.e. disability supports, childcare, housing etc.
- We will continue to work to address the immediate challenges facing people currently accessing social welfare programs in Saskatchewan.
- Universality is a key concept which should be applied in order to eliminate means testing and stigmatization.
- A continued commitment to universal public services should be part of an economic security package.
- Recognizing the cause of women's higher rates of low income, the impact of gender roles on income, and expanding the notion of societal responsibility for the well-being of all children, and those who parent them, will help create more effective improvements to economic security and well-being.
- We need labour legislation and/or standards which are flexible and employee friendly to allow for diverse participation in the labour force.
- The provincial government should commit to a living wage.

- We need to understand the needs of First Nations communities and draw upon their knowledge and values to inform the decisions we make in the future.
- Economic development opportunities for First Nations people, and others who have been previously excluded from the labour force, should be a priority in designing and implementing anti-poverty strategies.
- The workforce should be representative and culturally sensitive.
- We must be conscious of the environmental consequences of any economic security decision which we make and explore further the impact of economic growth policies versus economic redistribution.
- There is a benefit to the economic development of local communities when we ensure that all people have access to an adequate income.
- We support further discussion on the DISC proposal which calls for a distinct income security program for people with disabilities.
- There is more to quality of life and human development than labour force attachment.
- In consultation with people in rural communities, the government should formulate a plan to address the impact of the dramatic changes in rural Saskatchewan which includes maintaining rural schools and public services.

- We support cultivating a sense of care, justice, and civic engagement that includes an understanding of the realities of people living in poverty and the privileged position of some groups.