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UTAH’S EFFORT TO REDUCE INTERGENERATIONAL POVERTY THROUGH DATA-DRIVEN DECISION MAKING

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UTAH’S GOAL:
Reduce the number of Utah families in the cycle of poverty, improving their quality of life and helping them become economically stable.
Data to Define the Problem

Utah Adults Receiving Public Assistance (PA)

- 28.3% IGP adults (received PA as a child)
- 156,789 non-IGP children receiving public assistance
- 53,861 intergenerational poverty children

53,861 + 156,789 = 210,650 At-Risk Children
**DATA TO ESTABLISH GOALS AND MEASURE PROGRESS**

**EDUCATION**
- **5-Year Goal:** Align systems assisting w/educational outcomes to ensure efforts are focused in schools disproportionately impacted by intergenerational poverty. These systems include all levels of government, local schools, communities, businesses and non-profits.
- **10-Year Goal:** Children at risk of remaining in poverty as they become adults graduate from high school at a rate equal to the statewide rate.

**FAMILY ECONOMIC STABILITY**
- **5-Year Goal:** Children at risk of remaining in poverty are living in stable families, able to meet their basic needs.
- **10-Year Goal:** Children at risk of remaining in poverty are living in families that are self-sufficient/reliant.

**HEALTH**
- **5-Year Goal:** Children experiencing intergenerational poverty have access to quality physical health, mental health and dental care, regardless of where their family resides in Utah.
- **10-Year Goal:** Children experiencing intergenerational poverty are receiving physical, mental and dental care at the same rates as the statewide rates in each of those areas, regardless of where their family resides in Utah.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**
- **5-Year Goal:** Align all systems involved in early childhood development to ensure Utah has the capacity to prepare children at risk of remaining in poverty for kindergarten.
- **10-Year Goal:** Children at risk of remaining in poverty, as they become adults are emotionally, cognitively and developmentally prepared for kindergarten.
- Multi-state agency data
- Identifies strengths, barriers and challenges
- Four Focus areas of child well-being:
  - Early Childhood Development
  - Education
  - Family Economic Stability
  - Health
Engage leaders to drive local solutions:

- Utah created a data dashboard about indicators of intergenerational poverty in each county.

- Data helps local leaders determine what areas of well-being need more attention in their communities.
Learn about intergenerational poverty, Commission activities, annual report and the Five- and 10-Year Plan:

[link](https://intergenerationalpoverty.utah.gov)

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