

TAKE ACTION

Niagara Poverty Reduction Network

Health Care Professionals



- Ask questions about income, housing and supports in your clinical assessments
- Implement routine screening for developmental milestones for children and screen early for chronic conditions that are more prevalent for those living in poverty (e.g. cancer, heart disease and diabetes)
- Ask if supplements are being received, such as special diet allowance, dental care for pregnant mothers who receive Ontario Works, or medical allowances for those on Ontario Disability Support Program
- Provide an information board about community resources
- Refer clients in need to Social Services, Legal Aid, Healthy Babies Healthy Children Program, Canadian Prenatal Nutrition Program or parenting programs
- Ensure that your forms can be easily read and understood
- Help clients by completing their Ontario Disability Support Program/Canada Disability Pension forms
- Speak out and write government leaders about policy decisions that negatively affect those in poverty
- Stay informed about how poverty affects health