

# TAKE ACTION

## Niagara Poverty Reduction Network *Educators*



- Consider how school-related fees such as fundraising activities, school supplies and school trips affect low income families; seek solutions to help ease the financial burden
- Establish policies to ensure the needs of low-income families are addressed, e.g. subsidies for school trips
- Be sensitive to the times of year when low-income families are more stressed financially, such as winter due to heating costs and the holidays
- Be aware of the impact that poverty has on children, e.g. low self-esteem, teasing by others
- Put programs and supports in place to help children get the most out of their educational experience such as breakfast/snack programs, clothing and sport equipment exchanges
- Let parents know about financial support programs in the community such as subsidies for sports and activities
- Work with local service providers and community groups to address issues affecting low-income families
- Develop strong and supportive relationships with students and their families