



**FAMILY ECONOMIC SECURITY,  
CHILD DEEP POVERTY AND YOU!**

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## LATINOS & HISPANICS ARE LEADING THE WAY IN CALIFORNIA

- The largest Latino population in the nation.
- Two in every five Californians (39%) identifying as Latino.
- 15.2 million Latinos, 27% of the nation's total population.
- California has the nation's largest immigrant population w/ over 10 million, 25% of the immigrant population in the country.

California's leaders are increasingly Latino: Senate Pro-Tem Kevin De Leon, Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, Woman's Caucus Chair Cristina Garcia, Both House Appropriations Chairs Are Latino.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2015



## DEEP POVERTY : WHAT IS IT & HOW MANY CHILDREN EXPERIENCE IT?

Deep poverty is defined as living in a household with a total cash income below 50 percent of its poverty threshold.

### How Many Young Children Live in Deep Poverty?

In 2015, about 10% of children younger than six years old.

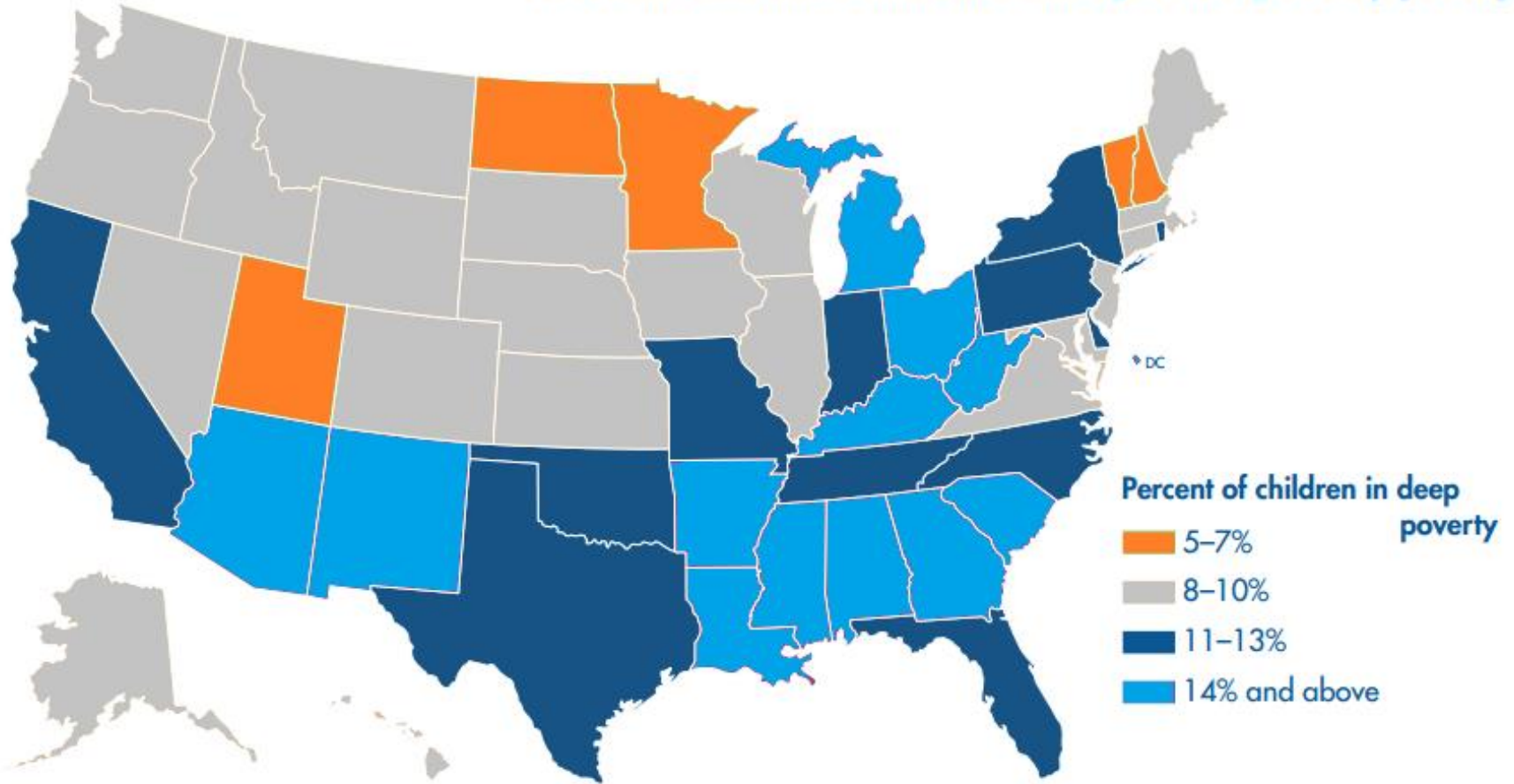
### Does Race Impact Likelihood to Experience Deep Poverty?

Yes, Black & Hispanic Americans are most likely to experience deep poverty, with rates of 10.9 and 8.5 percent, respectively.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2015

# DEEP POVERTY : WHAT IS IT & HOW MANY CHILDREN EXPERIENCE IT?

U.S. state variation in children under age 9 living in deep poverty



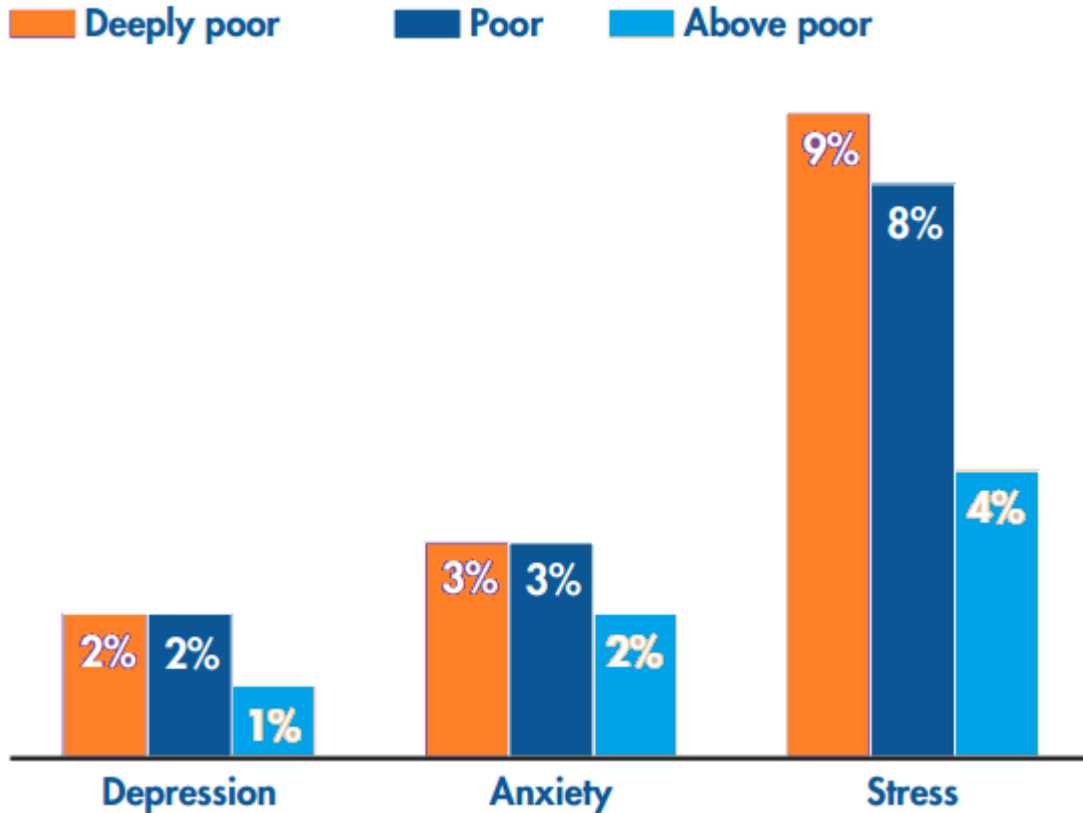
## DEEP POVERTY : WHY IS IT SOMETHING WE SHOULD BE CONCERNED ABOUT?

Deep poverty mostly a chronic condition that persists generationally.

- About half of those in deep poverty are under 25 years of age.
- More than one-third are single mothers and their children.
- 3% of children spend at least half of childhood in deep poverty.
- Poverty during childhood has lasting consequences on health, development and education, which can lead to persistent poverty across generations.

# DEEP POVERTY : WHAT IS IT & HOW MANY CHILDREN EXPERIENCE IT?

Child mental health by poverty status for children age 2-9\*



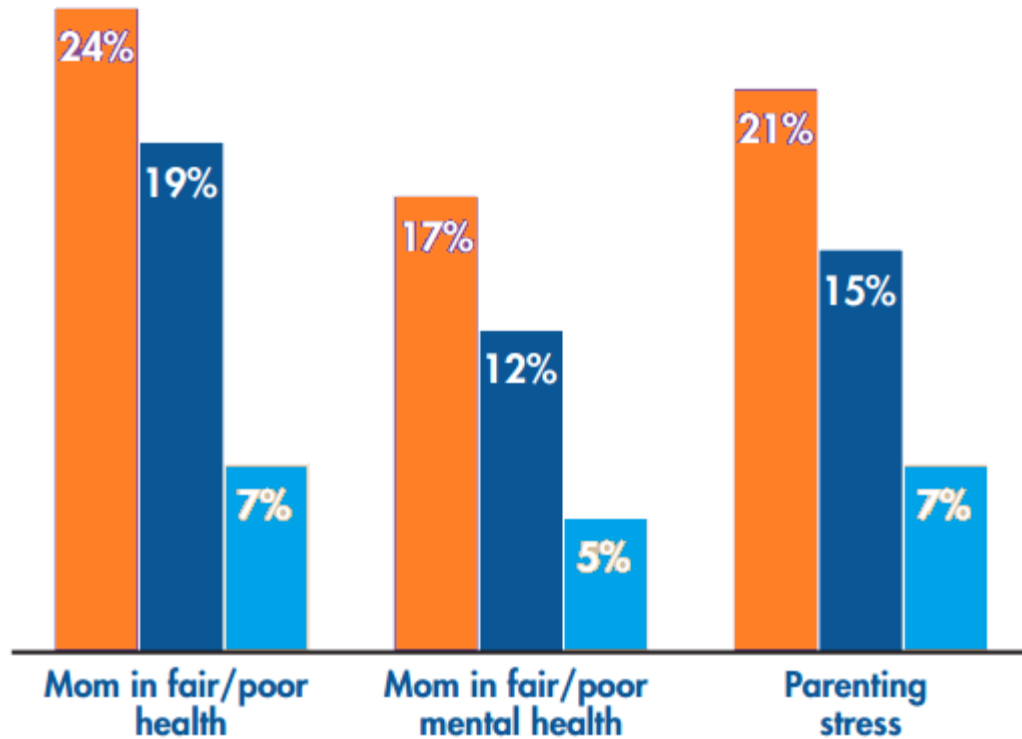
*Children whose basic needs go unmet experience lifelong impacts on their development & wellbeing.*

Source: The National Center for Children in Poverty (NCCP)

# DEEP POVERTY : WHAT IS IT & HOW MANY CHILDREN EXPERIENCE IT?

Maternal health, mental health, and parenting stress by poverty status for children 0-9

Deeply poor    Poor    Above poor



*Maternal Mental Health deteriorates for mothers living in deep poverty.*

Source: The National Center for Children in Poverty (NCCP)



## 6 STEPS TOWARD FAMILY ECONOMIC SECURITY & SHARED PROSPERITY

- I. Make employment a real option for every low-income American and protect families who can't work.
- II. Strengthen worker rights and purchasing power, making an honest day's work brings an honest day's pay.
- III. Establish the right of all workers to have paid sick days.
- IV. Create or Improve Paid Family Leave so that workers can care for or an ill family member without going broke.
- V. Make excellent and affordable child care an option for every parent and child who needs it.
- VI. Prevent long-lasting harm to children & vulnerable adults in poverty by ensuring adequate nutrition.





## WHICH FEDERAL PROGRAMS PROTECT AGAINST DEEP POVERTY?

Federal programs help to protect against poverty & deep poverty.

- Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF)
- Childcare Block Grants & 21<sup>st</sup> Century Afterschool Programs
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Women, Infant and Children Program (WIC) & School Meals
- Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Assistance
- Medicaid, Medicare & The Health Care Exchange
- Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC) and Wage & Work Protections



# TANF OFFERS LESS PROTECTION AGAINST CHILDHOOD DEEP POVERTY

## Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) - 2010

Lifted 24% of children who otherwise would have been in deep poverty

**629,000**  
Children

## Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) - 1995

Lifted 62% of children who otherwise would have been in deep poverty

**2,210,000**  
Children

Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

# TANF OFFERS LESS PROTECTION AGAINST CHILDHOOD DEEP POVERTY ....BUT WHY?

TANF Block Grants have remained stagnant despite 32% inflation over same time period.

States have prioritized the use of TANF Block Grants for non-grant assistance.

TANF Block Grant not responsive to recession, changes in the low-income hourly-wage jobs & rental market.



**This would take federal law to change – TANF Reauthorization**

# TANF OFFERS LESS PROTECTION AGAINST CHILDHOOD DEEP POVERTY ....BUT WHY?

TANF Family Caps: TANF allows states to block aid to infants and children when they are born into poverty.

TANF & SNAP Felony Drug Bans: TANF allows states to block aid to families when a parent has a felony drug conviction.

TANF Parent Penalties: TANF allows states to block aid when kids miss school, aren't immunized or parents can't find work.



**This takes state legislation or policy making to change.**



## SNAP, SCHOOL MEALS & CHILD NUTRITION PREVENT HARM

***Prevent long-lasting harm by ensuring adequate nutrition.***

16 Million American Children experience hunger. Reduce the likelihood that they will suffer from hunger and long-lasting consequences:

- Create / Expanding / Protecting Immigrant Food Program(s).
- ExpandiCategorical Eligibility & Direct Certification Options in Federal School Meal Programs.
- Simplify SNAP childcare/employment reporting.
- Address college student access to SNAP & Food Pantries.
- Increasing Access to Summer EBT & Afterschool Suppers



# TAKE HOME RESOURCES TO NALEO NEW ELECTED OFFICIALS

## *Excel List of Model Policies, Analysis Vote Count.*

| California's Economic Security and Anti-Hunger Legislative Campaigns                      |  |                  |      |   |   |  |
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| Title   | Topic  | Bi-Partisan Vote | Year | Summary   | Permalink - NOTE - CA Legislative Link Includes Vote Count, Fiscal and Policy Analysis  |  |
| 39 AB 608 (Gordon)  | Child Anti-Hunger Program Referral             | Yes              | 2015 | This bill requires SNAP administrators to refer all applicant households w/ children to other child nutrition programs.   | <a href="http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160A8608">http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160A8608</a>   |  |
| 40 AB 702 (Maienschein)   | TANF - Temporary Housing Support               | Yes              | 2015 | This bill would remove the requirement that the once-in-a-lifetime, sixteen days of CalWORKs temporary homeless assistance must be used in consecutive days.  | <a href="http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160A8702">http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160A8702</a>   |  |
| 41 AB 743 (Eggman)  | TANF - GI Bill - Educational Opportunities     | Yes              | 2015 | This bill would improve the CalWORKs program's ability to serve parents participating in educational and employment training programs. It will also exempt all GI Bill benefits from consideration in determining eligibility and benefit   | <a href="http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160A8743">http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160A8743</a>   |  |
| 42 AB 891 (Campos)  | Child School Participation - Basic Needs - Yes |                  | 2015 | This bill would improve the capacity of low-income students to participate regularly in school and after-school activities, whereby increasing the likelihood of graduation and future success. This bill is co-sponsored by Western Center, the Children's Defense Fund of California and 9-to-5 National Association of Working | <a href="http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160A8891">http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160A8891</a>   |  |
| 43 AB 908 (Gomez)   | Paid Family Leave Equity                       | Yes              | 2015 | This bill extends the length of time that a worker can receive State Disability Insurance (SDI) and Paid Family Leave (PFL) insurance payments and increases the wage replacement in the program to better support poorer workers who pay into the insurance. It also removes the 1 week wait period for employees to begin       | <a href="http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160A8908">http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160A8908</a>   |  |
| 44 AB 1093 (E. Garcia)  | Prison Re-Entry Job Training.                  | Yes              | 2015 | This bill focuses on Workforce Investment for the Re-Entry Population, and would modify the criteria for the Supervised Population Workforce Training Grant Program to allow grant applicants to address the education and training needs of people who have some postsecondary education or individuals who require basic        | <a href="http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160A81093">http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160A81093</a> |  |



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