Speaking to CTV News Toronto, Meagher said the solution starts with investment in low-income housing and community services. 

"This divide shows how we can and must do more to provide quality services to support low-income families," Meagher said in the news release issued Monday.


"We are continuing to be the highest centre for child poverty in the country and the second-highest poverty rate among major urban centres," Meagher said Monday, "and yet we can't even get the basics right. When you look at the maps in the report, one of the things that really speaks to me is that in those same low-income neighbourhoods, you can see those green dots representing places like Forest Hill, or Rosedale, and looking at all the resources that are there, it's sort of a red flag." 

"When you cross Laird Avenue to go from Leaside to Thorncliffe, the rate of child poverty rate jumps from 11 percent to 52 percent," Jessica Mustachi of Family Service Toronto, said in a statement Monday. "We hope the report will put the 133,000 Toronto children who are living in poverty front-of-mind for Mayor Tory and council as they debate the city budget."