

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Outstanding examples for defeating poverty

'absolutely disgraceful'

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Howard Hampton is right that something must be done about child poverty in Ontario and the Ontario NDP has included important anti-poverty commitments in its election platform. But why would he dismiss a comprehensive poverty reduction strategy as the surest way to get there? An anti-poverty plan with targets, measures and timetables makes all the difference when it comes to achieving tangible progress. Witness the success of Quebec, Newfoundland, the U.K. and Ireland, all guided by bold poverty reduction plans and all outstanding examples of how poverty can be defeated.

We have tried the piecemeal approach. It hasn't worked and it's time to try something different.

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