

Platform Updates - kNOw Poverty 2019

How do the party's commitments on our coalition's policy priority areas stack up?

Here's a presentation of the information within each of Manitoba's major political party platforms related to Make Poverty History Manitoba's [six priority areas](#).

The vast majority of the text in these graphics is taken directly from the publicly available platforms of the political parties. Links to these documents can be found at the bottom of this page. At times, information was added from party's specific announcements, press releases, and comments at public election forums and debates. We accept any corrections or additions to the information presented, though believe it is an accurate representation of key commitments written in party's public platforms.

 Priority Area	Progressive Conservative Party of Manitoba	Manitoba New Democratic Party	Manitoba Liberal Party	Green Party of Manitoba
Childcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Improve affordability and availability of child care -Develop a new Portable Child Care Benefit that will extend up to \$500 per month to help 3,000 lower-income families find child care -Create new spaces sooner with help from the private sector 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Build more childcare spaces for young families, and commit to an ambitious goal of affordable, high-quality, accessible child care for all families, starting with bringing the child care system under the Department of Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Create 18,000 child care spaces to eliminate the waitlist for childcare spaces in Manitoba, and ensure there are more spaces as demand grows. -Decrease the number of unfunded spaces by half -Increase support for low income families 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Increase the number of spaces available for child care to meet the rising demand -Ensure that the cost of child care exceeds no more than 10% of household income

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Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Increase the quality and availability of affordable and social housing -Continue Rent Assist indexation at 75% Median Market Rent -Develop a new housing strategy to determine greatest need -Renew existing Manitoba Housing properties -Invest \$2 million in home ownership programming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -\$1000 reduction on land transfer tax for first time home buyers and people with disabilities -Work with the Federal government to build more affordable housing, invest in transitional housing and shelters for victims of domestic and intimate partner violence, and rebalance the appeals system to be more fair to renters -Restore and improve Rent Assist 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Use federal money to help build social and affordable housing -Restore and strengthen Rent Assist 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Work with individuals, community organizations, and governments at all levels, to prevent, reduce and end homelessness in Manitoba by 2025 -Implement a Housing First strategy to address homelessness -Increase the supply of affordable housing through cooperatives and community supported projects -Restore the cuts made to the Rent Assist Program

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Minimum Wage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Minimum wage not mentioned in platform 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Raise minimum wage to \$15 by 2023 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Raise minimum wage to \$15 by 2021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Raise to \$13.95, accompanied by Basic Income proposal

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Income, Social Assistance & Livable Basic Needs Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Renew Manitoba's employment and income assistance framework to ensure simplified and modernized benefit design and delivery, and enhanced pathways for employable recipients to enter the labour market -Improve alignment with labour market needs and other benefit systems including programs offered by the Government of Canada, student financial aid and other employment training supports -Transition Manitobans with disabilities currently receiving EIA benefits to a new alternative income program better suited to their actual needs -Index personal income tax brackets and the basic personal exemption 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Begin to transform EIA into a Basic Income by eliminating the "welfare wall" as a disincentive to work -Increase EIA rates -Restore the Getting Started benefit -Strike a task force on a Basic Income and dignified income for people with severe and prolonged disabilities -Continue to index Personal Income Tax brackets and Basic Personal Amount to inflation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Introduce a minimum Basic Income for all Manitobans based on a "negative income tax" model that tops up income, with the rate increasing annually to the rate of inflation -The Minimum Basic Income will lift the welfare wall -Reform EIA -Provide people with the option to choose between EIA and a Basic Income 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Introduce a Basic Income (BI), administered through the income tax system and funded by the removal of selected refundable and non-refundable tax credits -Guaranteed income would be based on family size

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Mental Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Add 12 new mental health treatment beds at the Health Sciences Centre's emergency room -Create a new sobering centre -Add supportive housing, a new RAAM clinic and a new recovery and drop-in centre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Transform mental health care, appoint a Minister Responsible for Mental Health & Addictions -New community-based mental health services -Doubling the number of counsellors in ACCESS Centres -Examining how to fund some eligible mental health costs for families 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Cover clinical psychological therapy under Medicare -Invest in training mental health professionals in order to provide better mental health care for all Manitobans. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Increase funding by committing 10% of health funding to mental health supports and services. -Promote and facilitate easy access to effective mental health supports and services across Manitoba, including enhancing integration with primary care and other health care providers, increased technological approaches, and additional collaborative approaches -Increase initiatives to reduce the stigma surrounding mental health

Party Platform Links:

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