Too Many Californians Are Struggling

More than 5.6 million Californians, including nearly 2 million children, lived in poverty in 2013.

Most Families in Poverty Are Working

Two in Three California Families Living in Poverty Have Jobs

California Policymakers Can Boost Workers’ Earnings

- Raise California’s Minimum Wage Further and Index It to Inflation
- Create a State Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)
- Reinvest in Core Public Supports, Such as Child Care

Doing So Helps Kids and All of Us

Children who are born into poverty are 5x as likely to spend at least half of their early adulthood in poverty.

For each $3,000 a year in added income that children in low-income families received before age 6...

...their annual earnings between ages 25 and 37 increased by 17%.