

Mayor David N. Cicilline's
Poverty, Work and Opportunity Task Force

Task Force Meeting
June 11, 2007

Task Force Timeline

- Task Force meetings in:
 - July (focus preventing poverty in future generations and review of resident focus group results)
 - September (review of final report)
 - Business leaders meeting in September
 - Resident focus groups in June
 - Draft of report to Task Force July 20 – feedback on draft in July and August
 - Release of final Task Force report in early October
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Five Topics

- ❑ The high cost of being poor
 - ❑ Making work pay
 - ❑ Workforce development and job creation
(career ladders, adult education, etc.)
 - ❑ Youth connections to the workforce
 - ❑ Preventing poverty in the next generation
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Outline for Final Report

- I. Introduction
 - II. Background on Poverty in Providence
 - III. The Larger Context (changing RI economy, current municipal efforts, partnerships and collaborations)
 - IV. Workforce Needs (adults and youth)
 - V. Making Work Pay
 - VI. Reducing the High Cost of Being Poor
 - VII. Preventing Poverty in Future Generations
 - VIII. Summary of Recommendations
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Context for Criteria

LEVELS OF STRATEGIES

- City
- State
- Federal

ACTORS

- Government
 - Community-Based Organizations
 - Community Leaders
 - Foundations
 - Business
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Criteria for Objectives and Strategies

- ***Meaningful***
Making a change in this will have a significant and positive impact on people in Providence and there are data showing need
 - ***Measurable***
It is possible to make a measurable change within 3 years
 - ***Effective***
There is a research-base showing effectiveness or promising models in other cities
 - ***Feasible***
There is a realistic resource development strategy to accomplish this objective
 - ***Ability to Implement***
Leadership capacity; community interest; existing building blocks
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