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Campaign 2000 Marks Anniversary of the 1989 All-Party Resolution to End Child Poverty as Partners Across Canada Take Action *Provincial & territorial report cards, new fact sheets and a press conference on Parliament Hill mark the day*

TORONTO – Today, Campaign 2000: End Child and Family Poverty marks the anniversary of the 1989 all-party federal resolution to end child poverty by the year 2000. The resolution gave birth to the Campaign 2000 movement.
For 35 years, since 1991, Campaign 2000 has tracked, monitored and reported on the state of child and family poverty in Canada. The coalition has grown over the decades. It releases annual national, provincial, territorial, Toronto and Hamilton child and family report cards, as well as annual disability poverty report cards.

"Thirty-five years after Parliament promised to end child poverty, too many children and families are still being left behind. Nearly one in five children across the country live in poverty, with higher rates for marginalized groups. Ending poverty and advancing children's rights go hand-in-hand, and it is the responsibility of every level of government. Campaign 2000 and our partners across the country will keep holding governments to account until that promise is kept." **– Leila Sarangi, National Director, Campaign 2000**

Partners across Canada are taking action today

- Nunavut is releasing its 2026 Child and Family Report Card, *We See It Everyday*. Nunavut has the highest rate of child poverty in Canada, at 38.8%.
- Ontario is releasing its 2026 Child and Family Report Card, *The Price of Neglect: A Growing Crisis for Children and Families*. Ontario saw a third consecutive increase in child poverty rates, outpacing growth at the national level.
- Prince Edward Island has created a new child poverty fact sheet for Members of the Legislative Assembly. One in six children on the island lives in poverty.
- British Columbia is preparing to send copies of its 2025 BC Child Poverty Report Card to newly elected municipal councillors and school trustees in 21 smaller BC communities. The copies will come with additional, unpublished local child poverty data.
- National Campaign 2000 is participating in a press conference on Parliament Hill with Member of Parliament Jenny Kwan, the Canadian Network for Equity and Racial Justice (CNERJ) and Oxfam Canada. The press conference will highlight the need for stronger action against systemic racial inequities, including disproportionate rates of child and family poverty.
- Campaign 2000 Press Package here.

Media details: Parliament Hill press conference
WHAT: A joint press conference with MP Jenny Kwan outlining policy demands in response to the 2026 federal budget, including a call for federal anti-racism legislation, measurable racial-equity targets and transparent public accountability.
WHO: Featured speakers (subject to final confirmation): MP Jenny Kwan, event sponsor; Charles C. Smith, Canadian Network for Equity and Racial Justice (CNERJ); Nicholas Marcus Thompson, National Employment Equity Council (NEC); Atulya Sharman, South Asian Legal Clinic of Ontario (SALCO); Daniel Komesch, Oxfam Canada and Campaign 2000; Myriam Mekni, Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants (OCASI).
WHEN: November 24, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. ET (approximately 45 minutes, including Q & A). Live French interpretation will be available.
WHERE: Room 325, 180 Wellington Street, Ottawa, Ontario.
MEDIA ACCESS: Participation in the question and answer portion is in person or via Zoom, and is for accredited members of the Press Gallery only. Media who are not members of the Press Gallery may contact pressres2@parl.gc.ca for temporary access.

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Spokespersons from the provinces and territories are also available for interviews

Campaign 2000 is a non-partisan, pan-Canadian network of national, provincial and community partner organizations committed to working to end child and family poverty, hosted by Family Service Toronto. To download report cards or for more information, please visit http://www.campaign2000.ca.