

Workshop Proposal for Action/Mobilizing Breakout
25 in 5 Network for Poverty Reduction Event
April 14, 2008

Working Together to Reduce Poverty for a Healthier Ontario

Time Available: 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Leaders: Health Providers Against Poverty (HPAP) and the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (RNAO)

Target audience:

- those currently working in the health care sector
- students interested in health or health care
- any participants interested in finding out more about the health case for reducing poverty

Learning and Action Objectives:

- overview of the evidence of how social inequities become health inequities or why poverty is a health issue
- strategies to mobilize health care providers in support of poverty reduction plan:
 - as trained health care professionals interested in prevention/health promotion as well as caring for those who are already unwell
 - as members of health organizations that have a provincial reach (through discipline, areas of interest, practice, bargaining, etc)
 - as individuals who are often serve as informal or formal leaders within geographical communities or communities of interest
- sharing of resources that are currently in place and identifying what else need to be done

Rationale:

- this breakout could be an excellent opportunity to not only mobilize individuals to become engaged in political action to reduce poverty as a health issue and a social justice issue but
- this breakout is also an opportunity to bring together representatives from a wide range of health organizations to mobilize on poverty, especially if their members urge them to do so