ADDRESSING ROOT CAUSES OF POVERTY

History & Truth

Failure to recognize and address history of trauma, oppression, and discrimination and how it influences present day conditions

Values & Beliefs

Harmful and inaccurate stereotypes about people experiencing poverty; emphasis on and pull yourself up by your bootstraps

Narrative

Poverty is discussed as a personal problem, not a systemic one; narrative reinforces values & beliefs and perpetuates existing inequality

Power & Influence

Unequal power, priviliege, and influence; policy and program decisions do not include people disproportionally affected

Policy & Program Investments

Social and economic system that makes it hard to get by or get ahead; policies and programs siloed and insufficient to meaningfully reduce poverty or mitigate its effects

Results

Cost-of-living is too high; income is too low; unequal opportunity by zip code; structural inequalities persist

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