

CHILDREN & YOUTH REPORT CARD REVIEW

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TOPIC

There is a disproportionate effect of the cost of living in Alexandria on people of color

TOPIC DESCRIPTION

The cost of living in Alexandria is constantly rising and creating economic disparities. This in particular effects people of color in Alexandria because the average income of white households yearly on average is over 20K more then any other race. specifically in Alexandria many of these issues stem from systemic inequities throughout the united states, Alexandria is not immune to the problems the rest of the country has face when trying to offer equitable opportunities

IDEAL RESULT

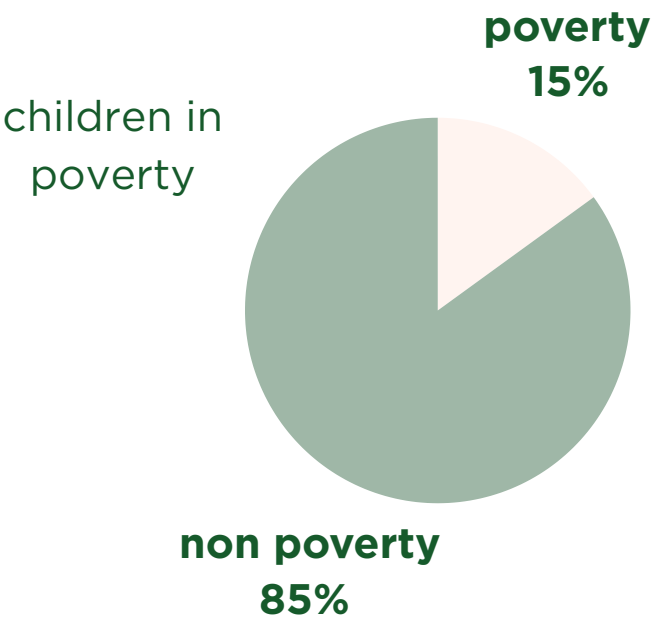
Overall the best outcome would to end poverty and especially stop children who are living in poverty.

EFFECT OF COVID

Covid has definitely hurt many people and raised the cost of living and has had lasting effects untill today and we hope to lower thoe effects from covid

SIGNIFICANCE

This is an important issue because this has left 3 out of every 20 children in Alexandria living in poverty. Due



CURRENT POLICY

- there are currently many policies and program in place two examples from the city of Alexandria page are ARISE which provides a \$500 monthly payment to 170 randomly selected participants who will then receive those \$500 monthly payment each month for the next 24 months.
- Another example is housing 2040 master plan. There goal is to set up better systems and analyse the housing needs in Alexandria and release better resources for those seeking housing

WHAT NEEDS TO CHANGE

There are many policies alike and therefore it s important to understand why there are so many policies for this specified reason, The reason being cost of living is too high for some people and is often unreachable without everyone in the household working. Policies such as ARISE and 2040 master plans is the start to an affordable cost of living though to keep the ball rolling more money is needed.

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