# WHAT IS INTERGENERATIONAL POVERTY?

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## VS.

#### SITUATIONAL POVERTY



Poverty in which
TWO OR MORE
SUCCESSIVE

**GENERATIONS** 

of a family continue in the cycle of poverty, as measured through utilization of public assistance for at least 12 months as an adult and at least 12 months as a child.

#### Situational poverty

does not continue to the next generation, is generally traceable to a specific incident, and is typically time limited.







## **UTAH'S MEASUREMENT**

**UTAH CREATED ITS OWN** measurement of intergenerational poverty and is the only state to distinguish between intergenerational poverty and situational poverty.

Utah measures intergenerational poverty based on enrollment in four public assistance programs where eligibility is closely aligned with the federal poverty measure:

- Food Stamps (SNAP)
- Child Care Subsidies
- Cash Assistance Programs
- Medicaid and/or CHIP

## UTAH'S APPROACH

Utah takes a two-generation approach with families by focusing on the needs of parents and their children simultaneously.

# WHY THIS DATA IS UNIQUE

This data uniquely defines a group of people in the cycle of poverty based on their current and past generation's use of public assistance.

#### WHO IS EXPERIENCING IT

People from various racial and ethnic backgrounds are experiencing intergenerational poverty in every county in the state.

Because of this, Utah's data is focused on addressing the economic situation and

state of well-being of those in

intergenerational poverty, rather than segmenting the issue by their backgrounds.









## THE INTERGENERATIONAL WELFARE REFORM COMMISSION'S GOAL:

To reduce the number of Utah families in the cycle of poverty, improving their quality of life and helping them become economically stable.

