



Campbell is declaring war on the poor

Speak out. Fight back.

The poor are paying the price for the Campbell agenda

The Liberals are attacking the most needy and vulnerable British Columbians.

Here's how:

Effective April 1:

- Single parents are classed as employable when their youngest child turns three (formerly seven). This affects 4,500 parents and 15,000 children. The Campbell government has cut funding for child care so working mothers can't find child care.
- Three-week waiting period to apply for welfare. Applicants will now be called "enquirers" and given a "job search package" and an appointment in three weeks but no money.
- Youth will only receive assistance for two out of every five years. Legislation is pending which will require youth to live independently for two years before they are eligible for assistance. This will hurt youth fleeing abusive family situations who need immediate assistance.
- Asset levels will be decreased which means fewer people will be eligible for assistance.
- Security deposits will be clawed back, at a minimum of \$20 a month. If a second deposit is requested (and the first one is still outstanding), another \$20 will be clawed back.
- Crisis grants for food will be capped at \$20 a month.
- Crisis grants for clothing, hydro and furniture will be capped.
- Liens will be placed on homes if a crisis grant for home repairs exceeds \$1,000.
- The Debtor Assistance Program is eliminated.

- Owning an automobile worth more than \$5,000 will impact eligibility for assistance.
- Work transition or support benefits will be discontinued.
- People ages 60 to 64 will now be expected to seek work.
- Anyone convicted of welfare fraud will be banned for life from receiving welfare.
- Refugees will no longer be eligible for assistance. Since they can't work, how will they survive?

Effective May 1:

- Assistance for people ages 55 to 64 will decrease to \$185 a month (used to be \$231.92 ages 55-59, \$282.92 ages 60-64).
- Single parents will lose their \$100 family maintenance exemption.
- All earning exemptions (other than for disability clients) will be eliminated. People used to be allowed to keep up to \$200 a month.
- Assistance to single parents will be cut by an average of \$70. This will impact approximately 60,000 poor children.
- New cap on the amount for shelter for two dependents.

Staggering funding cuts will hurt front-line workers

The government is closing 36 offices, laying off hundreds of experienced front-line workers and increasing the workloads of others.

The government is proposing to replace workers with "kiosks" which will dehumanize services to the needy.

Speak out. Organize. Fight back.

Tell the Premier what you think of his attack on the poor.

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