



## HOW WILL WE REDUCE POVERTY SO THAT OUR "NEIGHBORS IN NEED" ARE STRENGTHENED?

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### Key Discussion:

### Solutions:

- The civic innovators were in consensus that by improving educational outcomes at all levels we will reduce poverty and particularly generational poverty.
- We identified the need for a "clearinghouse" of activities and programs that are already taking place.
- We must join others to advocate for more state funding per student.
- Form a "coalition of the willing" to collaborate in using best practice programs in support of our school districts.

### Possible Barriers:

- Florida Currently 48<sup>th</sup> in the country in per student funding.
- Lack of financial resources
- Danger of process becoming politicized
- Lack of ownership
- Possible resistance from stakeholders
- No community consensus regarding the solution.

### Where is this issue in the "Six Steps to Civic Innovation?"

This group of Civic Innovators concluded the region is currently on Step 2: *Research*.

### What's next?

The next step is to convene Stakeholders and Leaders.

### Who owns the next step?

Not defined