

HELPING LOW INCOME FAMILIES

Persistent intergenerational poverty is a complex and daunting problem. Decades of experimentation and learning have led to an evolving set of findings and principles for anti-poverty efforts.

Current policy focus applies a multi-pronged approach to helping low income families:

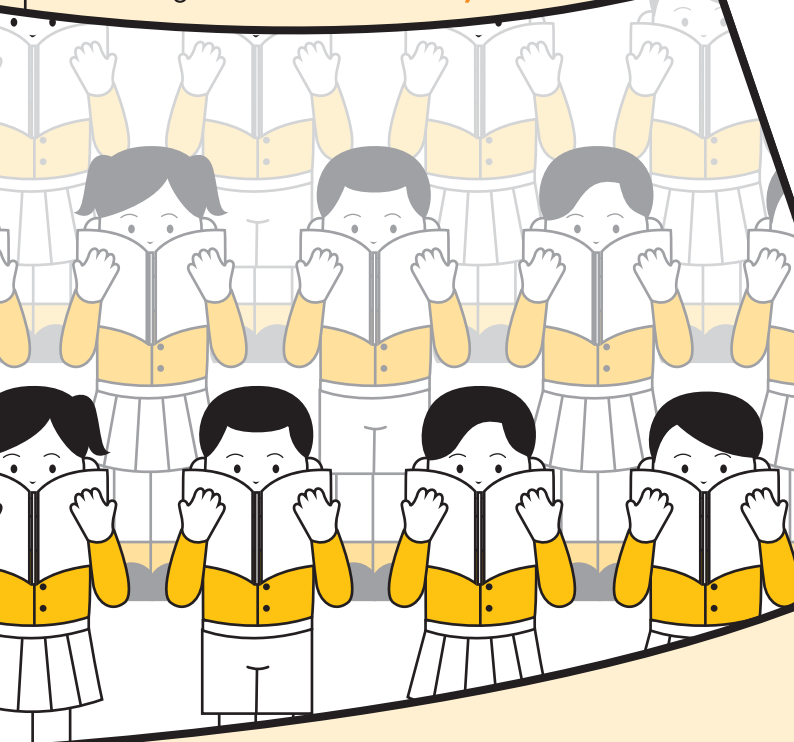
Subsidized education



Subsidised education has narrowed the differences in educational opportunities, resulting in levelling effect



Focus on ensuring that students from disadvantaged backgrounds **attend school regularly and stay in the system**



Focus on reskilling and upgrading of skills and lifelong learning efforts, for example, as encouraged by Workforce Singapore and Skills Future credit

Promoting stable family relationships



Stable family relationships are important as **children need consistent guidance and reference**. To achieve this, **caregivers are key**



Help caregivers understand that children require **responsive caregiving, safe and secure environments, adequate and appropriate nutrition and health-promoting behaviours and habits**



Work: Reskilling, upgrading and self-reliance



Help working adults get better jobs as children tend to do better when parents do better



Preserve work ethic and promote self-reliance



Help poor working individuals and families to **supplement income through Workfare supplement**



Promote **productive, meaningful and purposeful work**