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# CEDA - Disrupting Disadvantage

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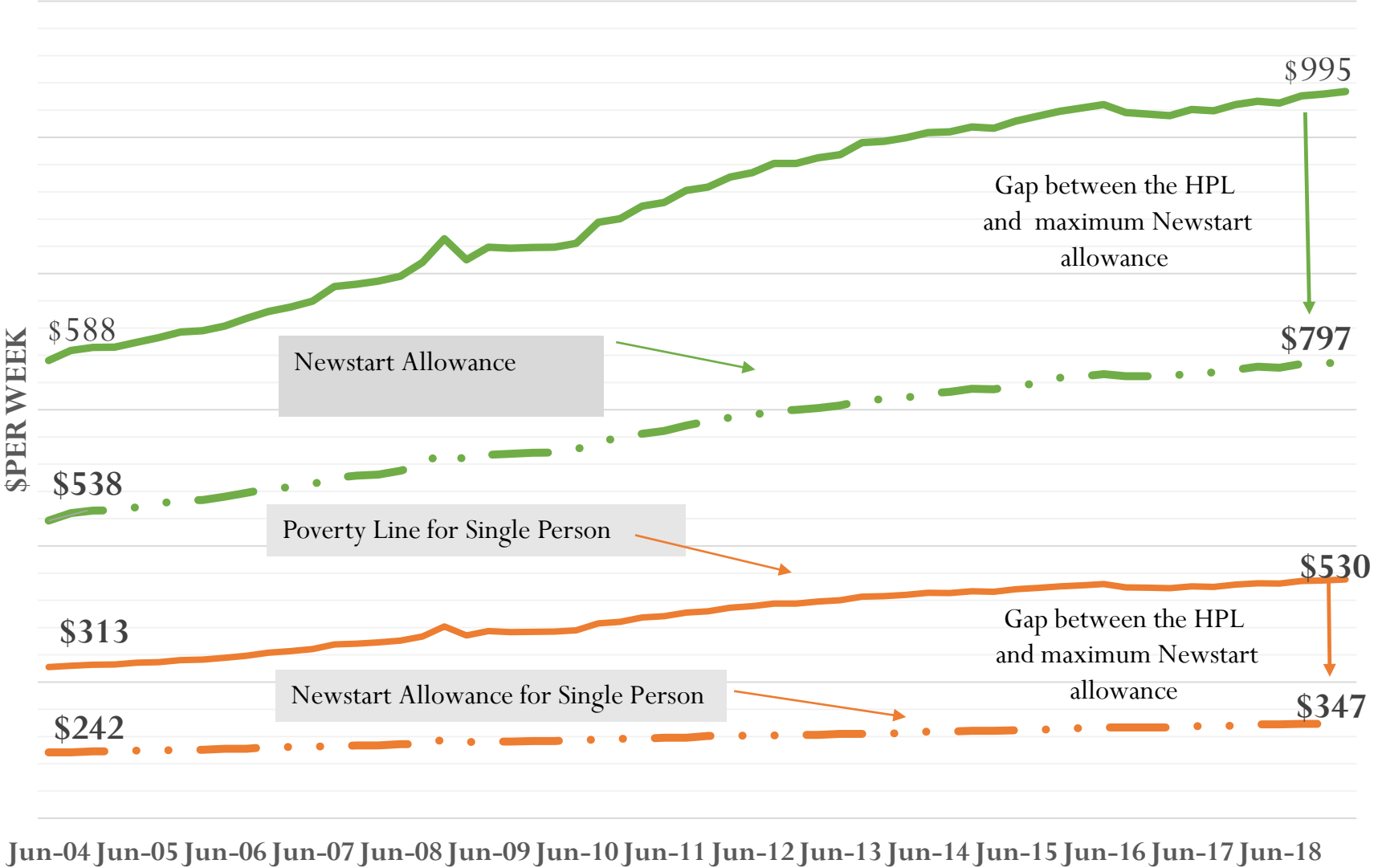
# CEDA Report 2019 - Disrupting Disadvantage

## The report has 4 main recommendations

- better use of data to target early intervention
- Increasing allowances – Improved safety net
- support to navigate the web of services
- better program evaluation and implementation



# The Increasing Gap Between Poverty Lines and Newstart





**RAISE  
THE RATE**



# Life on Newstart

100 Families WA findings show that families living on Newstart are living well below the poverty line, with allowances proving inadequate in terms of providing for basic needs.

 <p>82% of families reported a diagnosis of at least one chronic health condition</p>	 <p>85% do not have access to \$500 in savings for an emergency.</p>	 <p>46% reported that illness or disability made it difficult for them to get employment.</p>	 <p>40 % could not afford access to the internet at home. 51% did not have a motor vehicle.</p>
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# Hunger and Food Insecurity

Food insecurity is the ability to access and afford the quality of food that meets nutritional needs without having to rely on emergency food programs.



2/3 of adults with children indicated that it was sometimes or often true that they couldn't afford to feed their children a balanced meal



Only 7% of families who have children living with them, reported **high** food insecurity.



In the 12 months prior, 58% of adults experienced hunger and did not eat because there wasn't enough money for food.

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## Better use of data to target early intervention

### Do we need More Research and Evidence ?

WACOSS Food Relief Framework <https://wacoss.org.au/library/food-relief-framework-report/>

Brain Development - <https://colab.telethonkids.org.au/resources/brain-development/>

Early Childhood Programs - <https://colab.telethonkids.org.au/resources/child-development-programs/>

Lived Experience of Poverty - <https://colab.telethonkids.org.au/resources/lived-experience-of-poverty/>

The Impact of Poverty - <https://colab.telethonkids.org.au/resources/impact-of-poverty/>

Risk and Protective Factors - <https://colab.telethonkids.org.au/resources/risk-and-protectivefactors/>

WACOSS Cost of Living - <https://wacoss.org.au/news/single-parents-face-tough-christmas-cost-living-wa-report/>

WACOSS State Budget Submission <https://wacoss.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/State-Budget-Submission-2020-2021.pdf>

100 Families Base Line report [https://100familieswa.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Baseline\\_Report\\_Web.pdf](https://100familieswa.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Baseline_Report_Web.pdf)

End Homelessness Alliance [https://a0734f38-fa24-4c21-9cf8-b41b2e037149.filesusr.com/ugd/43bc33\\_bf1021fe69b24b909118a62af0295d8e.pdf](https://a0734f38-fa24-4c21-9cf8-b41b2e037149.filesusr.com/ugd/43bc33_bf1021fe69b24b909118a62af0295d8e.pdf)

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Support to navigate the web of services

Do people need help navigating the system or is the system broken?



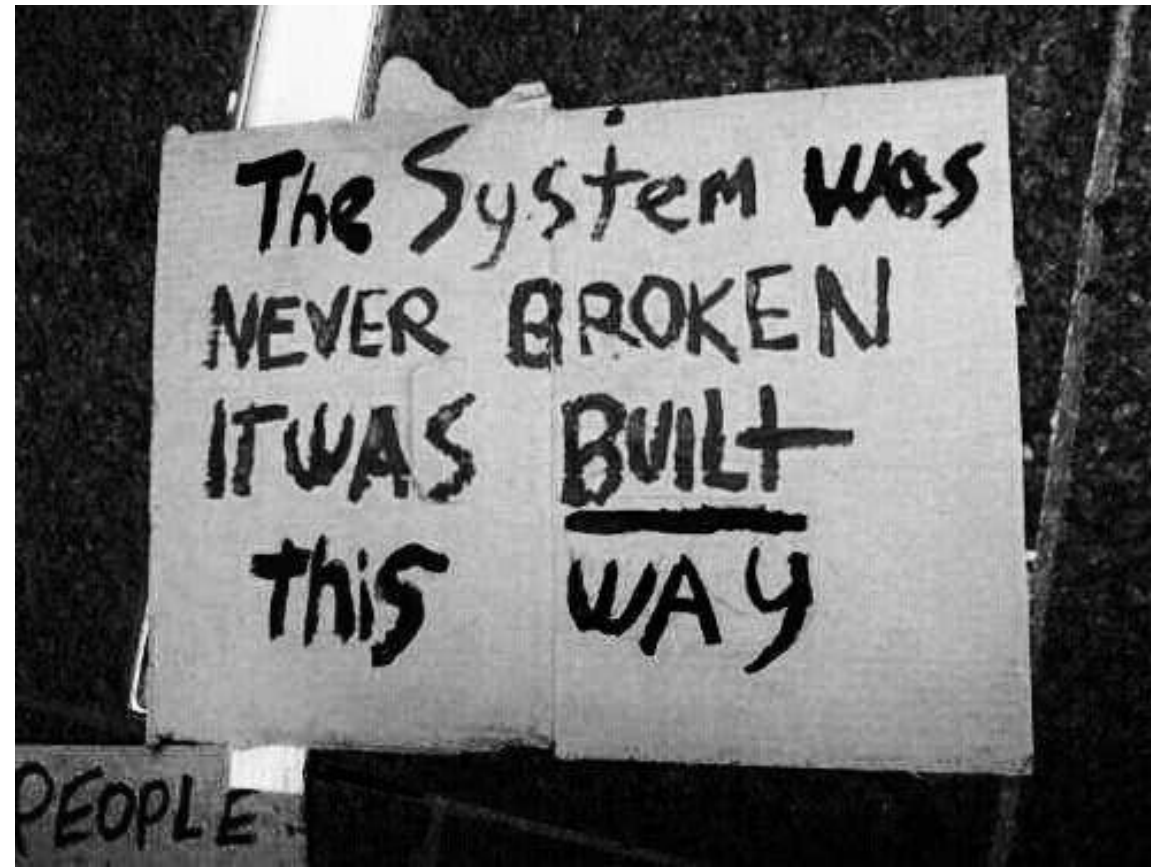
**POVERTY  
IS NOT A CRIME**

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## Better program evaluation and implementation

Better data and analysis alone is not a solution – particularly in the absence of the political will to tackle the most fundamental problems.

**Its time to disrupt the whole system?**





# Gender Inequality

## ***State Governments Women's Plan – WACOSS Solutions***

- The Western Australian government embeds gender-responsive budgeting and gender mainstreaming into all government work streams, policies and budgets so any structural inequalities are identified and mitigated.
- **The Western Australian government influence positive reform of our Federal Social Security System to end entrenched poverty for women and children. And abolish gender bias policies that remove women's autonomy, trap women in poverty and damage women's mental wellbeing.**
- The Minister for Women is sufficiently resourced to oversee the Plan and is responsible for auditing the application of a gender lens within all Ministries.
- Health professionals be trained in recognising and responding to family and domestic violence and trauma informed practice.
- Awareness-raising campaigns about the multiple and structural causes of gender discrimination, particularly as they relate to Aboriginal women, and the societal benefits of gender equality.
- Implementation of recommendations outlined in the Sustainable Health Review that recognise not all Western Australian's have access to health care and some experience worse health outcomes because of social, economic and cultural inequality.
- **Greater investment in primary prevention initiatives and research to end family and domestic violence.**
- Aboriginal female leaders drive and design develop and deliver solutions in their communities.
- Policies to provide families with children with a continuum of supports, allowing parents to stay in paid work as children grow up thereby reducing the risk of violence resulting from financial hardship.
- Changes in work place cultures to support the higher utilisation of carer leave and flexible work practices by men.
- **Reduction in gender pay inequality.**
- The State and Federal government continue to address the availability and affordability of quality childcare as an important issue impacting labour market participation.
- Housing affordability and homelessness policies recognise that housing is, first and foremost, a human right.
- **Policy responses to housing affordability recognise the role of housing in meeting the safety, participation, health and wellbeing needs of women and advancing gender equality.**
- Policies are needed to address overcrowding in Aboriginal Communities so as homes are safe and secure for women and their children.
- Large-scale investment in social and affordable housing supply to meet the specific needs of women.
- The Western Australian Government recognises and supports the call of WACOSS to increase Commonwealth Rent Assistance and adequate income support which are critical for women's access to housing and a demonstrated commitment to closing gender inequity.

<https://wacoss.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Womens-Plan-Submission.pdf>