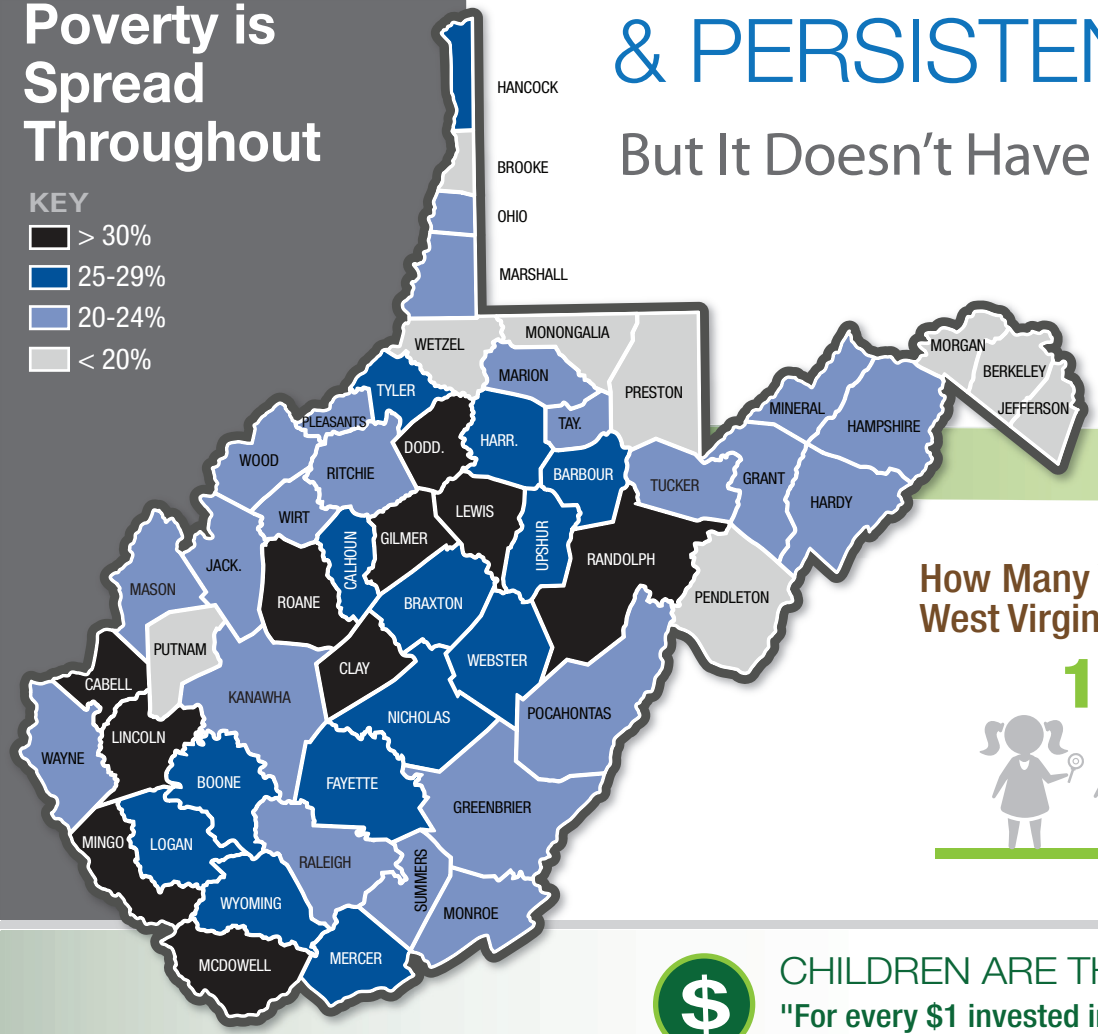
CHILD POVERTY IS A GROWING & PERSISTENT PROBLEM

But It Doesn't Have To Be

CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY

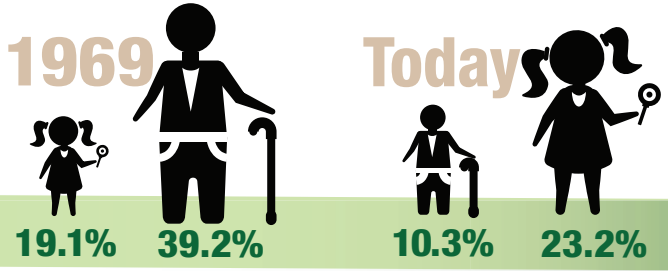
Poverty is Spread Throughout

KEY
- > 30%
- 25-29%
- 20-24%
- < 20%



Share of Children Under 18 in Poverty

We've Reduced Senior Poverty But Child Poverty Continues To Grow



How Many Young Children in West Virginia Live In Poverty?

1 in 3

What Is The Estimated Annual Cost Of Child Poverty In West Virginia?

3.9 Billion

CHILDREN ARE THE BEST INVESTMENT WE CAN MAKE

"For every $1 invested in high-quality early childhood programs returns more than $7"

$1= $7

Who is More Likely To Live in Poverty?

- 63% — Children whose parents did not graduate from high school
- 50% — Single Mothers
- 42% — African American Children
- 71% — Children with Unemployed Parents

GROWING Healthy Children — West Virginia Healthy Kids and Families Coalition

Our Children Our Future — The Campaign to End Child Poverty

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