CHART 1

Welfare Spending More than Sufficient to Eliminate All Child Poverty

- Total Poverty Gap for Families with Children: $86.3 billion
- Total Means-Tested Welfare Spending for Cash, Food, and Housing for Families with Children: $222.8 billion
- Total Means-Tested Welfare Spending for Cash, Food, Housing, and Medical Aid for Families with Children: $402.2 billion

NOTES: The poverty gap is the amount of money needed to raise all families with children at least to the poverty level. Figures are for 2014.
Chart 2: Single Mother with Two Children Earning Minimum Wage for Full Year, Receiving Basic Cash and Food Aid

Federal poverty line for a family of three: $19,096

- Post-Tax Earnings: $13,853
- Basic Benefits (refundable cash credits, food stamps, and school meals)
  - School meals: $1,269
  - Food stamps: $3,974
  - ACTC: $1,800
  - EITC: $5,548
- Combined Earnings and Benefits: $26,444
  - Earnings: $13,853

Notes: Figures are for 2015. In this scenario, the mother has two school-age children.
Source: Heritage Foundation calculations based on data from U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service; and Internal Revenue Service.
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Combined Earnings and Benefits:
- Medicaid: $36,449
- Total: $22,596
- School meals: $1,269
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- ACTC: $1,800
- EITC: $5,548
- Earnings: $13,853

Notes: Figures are for 2015. In this scenario, the mother has two school-age children and lives in a Medicaid expansion state.

Source: Heritage Foundation calculations based on data from U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service; Internal Revenue Service; and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

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Notes: Figures are for 2015. In this scenario, the mother has two school-age children, lives in a Medicaid expansion state, and receives Section 8 vouchers for a three-bedroom apartment.

Source: Heritage Foundation calculations based on data from U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service; Internal Revenue Service; Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and HUDUser.
CHART 5
Living Conditions of Families with Children in Official Poverty

- Has car or truck: 82.0%
- Has air conditioning: 76.2%
- Has at least one DVD player: 75.9%
- Has cable/satellite TV: 64.8%
- Has computer: 61.1%
- Has Internet: 51.6%
- Child was hungry at anytime during year: 4.0%

Charts 6: Decrease in Basic Welfare Benefits Package as Earnings Increase

Notes: Figures are for 2015. This scenario shows benefits for a single mother with two school-age children in a Medicaid expansion state.

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CHART 7

Combined Earnings and Benefits

WELFARE BENEFITS PLUS POST-TAX EARNINGS:

- Obamacare tax credits
- SCHIP
- Medicaid
- ACTC
- EITC
- School meals
- SNAP
- TANF

NOTES: Figures are for 2015. This scenario shows combined post-tax earnings and benefits for a single mother with two school-age children in a Medicaid expansion state.

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