



Windsor Endowment
FOR THE ARTS



CHANGING THE ODDS PATHWAY TO LITERACY FOR KIDS

BRINGING THE ARTS INTO DAILY LEARNING

The Situation is critical. What can we do?

Even before the pandemic, the Windsor-Essex region was noted to have among the highest levels of child poverty in all of Canada. Now child poverty and the pandemic are creating a literacy crisis for our most vulnerable children.

“Growing up in poverty, Indigenous children, those whose first language is neither English nor French, and children with special needs, will be disproportionately represented. They will join those who have gone before them who are more likely to drop out of school, be incarcerated, live adult lives in poverty and repeat this cycle with their own children.”

Literacy Deficiency, Julia O’Sullivan, Globe & Mail, 09/12/20
<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-there-is-a-reading-crisis-in-canada-the-pandemic-will-make-it-worse/?symbol=print-msg2>

HELP US INSPIRE OUR KIDS AND CHANGE THEIR ODDS FOR THE FUTURE.

CALL TO ACTION!

Arts Can Teach is a valued partner in leveraging creativity, critical thinking and expressive communication for all learners. It is a privilege to work with a community partner that exemplifies integrity, professionalism and commitment to the arts and learning!

— **Dr. Clara Howitt, Superintendent of Program and Professional Learning**
Greater Essex County District School Board

