



Understanding Generational Poverty

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Important Note!

- ▶ We will talk about generalizations in this workshop. There are always exceptions.
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Three Types of Poverty

- Situational
 - Working Poor
 - Generational Poverty
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Home and Family Life – Generational Poverty

The Home Itself

The Children

Stereotypical Male/Female Roles

Individuals



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Home and Family Life - Middle Class

The Home Itself

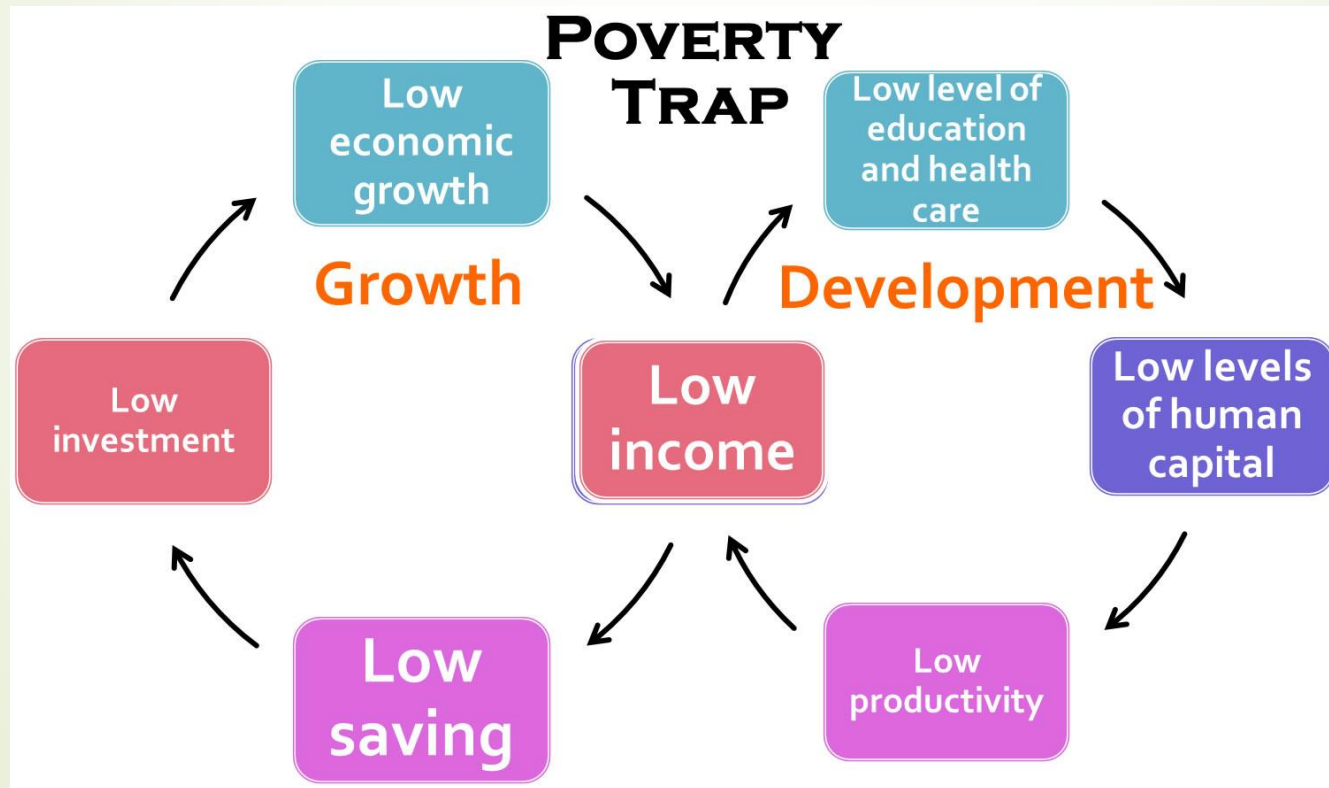
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Money and Health – Generational Poverty



Money and Health - Middle Class



Education and Jobs - Generational Poverty

- Un/underemployment
- Job is just a job
- Will do well if they like teacher/boss
- Lack of Education
- Language (casual register)



Education and Jobs – Middle Class

- Work and Achievement
- Career-minded
- Education very important
- Language (formal register)



Generational Poverty: Philosophical Differences

- Unspoken Philosophy of victimization
- Driving forces
- Focus on the present
- Fate
- Relationship with “System”





World Views – Middle Class

- Unspoken Philosophy
- Driving forces
- Focus on the future
- Relationship with “System”





Generational Poverty Isn't Just about Money!

- There may also be a lack in some/all of these resources:
 - Support Systems
 - Emotional Resources
 - Mental/physical Health
 - Positive Relationships/Role Models
 - Dreams and Aspirations

Gathering the Good from Both Perspectives

What Middle Class Can Learn....

people Helping People



- Be in the present moment (at least sometimes!)
- Value Personality over Acquisitions
- Avoid Conformity

Gathering the Good from Both Perspectives

What people in poverty can learn...

- ▶ Victim vs Creator
- ▶ Language Distinctions
- ▶ Education and future

