

**#FWFF** FIX WORKING FOR FAMILIES

# Party policy score card

CHiLD POVERTY ACTION GROUP

How will each party support and restore Working for Families (WFF) so that all families with children have the income they need to flourish? We investigated all party's policies on WFF and welfare and asked them this critical question. **Here is how they answered\***.

	Working for Families						Wages	Benefits		
	Treat all low-income children equally: Allow all low-income families to access the \$72.50 In-work tax credit, by removing the paid work criteria	Make the WFF tax credits available to more families and children: Raise the abatement threshold for maximum pay-ment.**	Make every dollar earned (over the threshold ) worth more to low-income working parents by restoring the rate of abatement to 20c/\$1 (increased to 22.5c in 2011, and set to increase again to 25c 1 April 2018 under current policy)	Increase the Family Tax Credit (FTC)	Replace the Parental tax credit with ad-ditional FTC for ALL newborns for the first year	Increase yearly all aspects of WFF and benefits with aver-age wage inflation	Increase minimum wage	Increase the amount that parents can earn before core benefits are reduced	Increase core benefits	Abolish sanctions on sole parents
<b>National</b>										
<b>Labour</b>										
<b>Green</b>										
<b>NZ First</b>										
<b>Maori</b>										
<b>TOP</b>										
<b>ACT</b>										

◆ Labour's Best Start policy gives \$60 for all children for their first year and extended to three years of age for low-income families

■ TOP will Pay \$200 per week to all families with young children

● Green party will extend parental tax credit to all families (irrespective of work hours)  
●● Party will adjust benefits based on average wage inflation (not WFF specifically)

++currently \$36500 falling to \$35000 on 1 April 2018 if National re-elected

\*Click the party name for more info on policy



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How will each party provide families the certainty of secure safe housing and good health, to reduce the number of poverty-related child hospital admissions? We investigated each party's policies on health and housing and asked them this critical question. **Here is how they answered\*.**

	Housing					Health	
	Build more state homes, with a range of options for different family models, including apartments	Stop the sell-off of state homes.*	Create more affordable home options for low-income families and first home buyers	Instate a mandatory Warrant of Fitness on all rental properties to ensure that they are able to be warm and safe	Increase tenure security for renters including the requirement that rent increases are set out in the rental contract	Make all emergency housing grants non-recoverable	Fully funded primary healthcare for under 18s
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- ◆ TOP intends to restore housing affordability through tax reform
- ◆◆ TOP will gift HNZ housing to not-for-profits
- Supports Healthy Homes Guarantee Bill (No.2)

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