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Poverty Reduction in New Brunswick, 2008 to
present/ Réduisons la pauvreté au Nouveau-
Brunswick, de 2008 à aujourd'hui

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Poverty Reduction in New Brunswick, Canada



3 Step Process (2008 to 2009)

- Engagement
- Expert Roundtable
- Decision Making

Régime d'assurance-médicaments
pour les
Néo-Brunswickois
non assurés

Drug Plan
for Uninsured
New Brunswickers



The achievements Les réalisations

Social Assistance Reform

Réforme de l'aide sociale



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Social Assistance Reform Vision

- Move from Rules Based to Outcome Based System
- Move from Passive assistance to Employment Orientation
- Focus on Inclusion, not poverty

Quick Wins (2008-9)

- Elimination of “Interim” Social Assistance Rate
- Modification of Household Income Policy to apply in cases of spousal relationships only
- Extension of health benefits to 3 years

Recent Wins (2013-14)

- Wage Exemption put at \$500 per month for persons with disabilities
- Claw back at 70% of wages over exemption level
- Asset Limits raised (esp. for persons with disabilities)
- Prescription Drug Plan

OPT 2

Public Dialogues -
Dialogues publics (12)



Regional & provincial stakeholders
meetings - Rencontres des associations
régionales & provinciales (3)



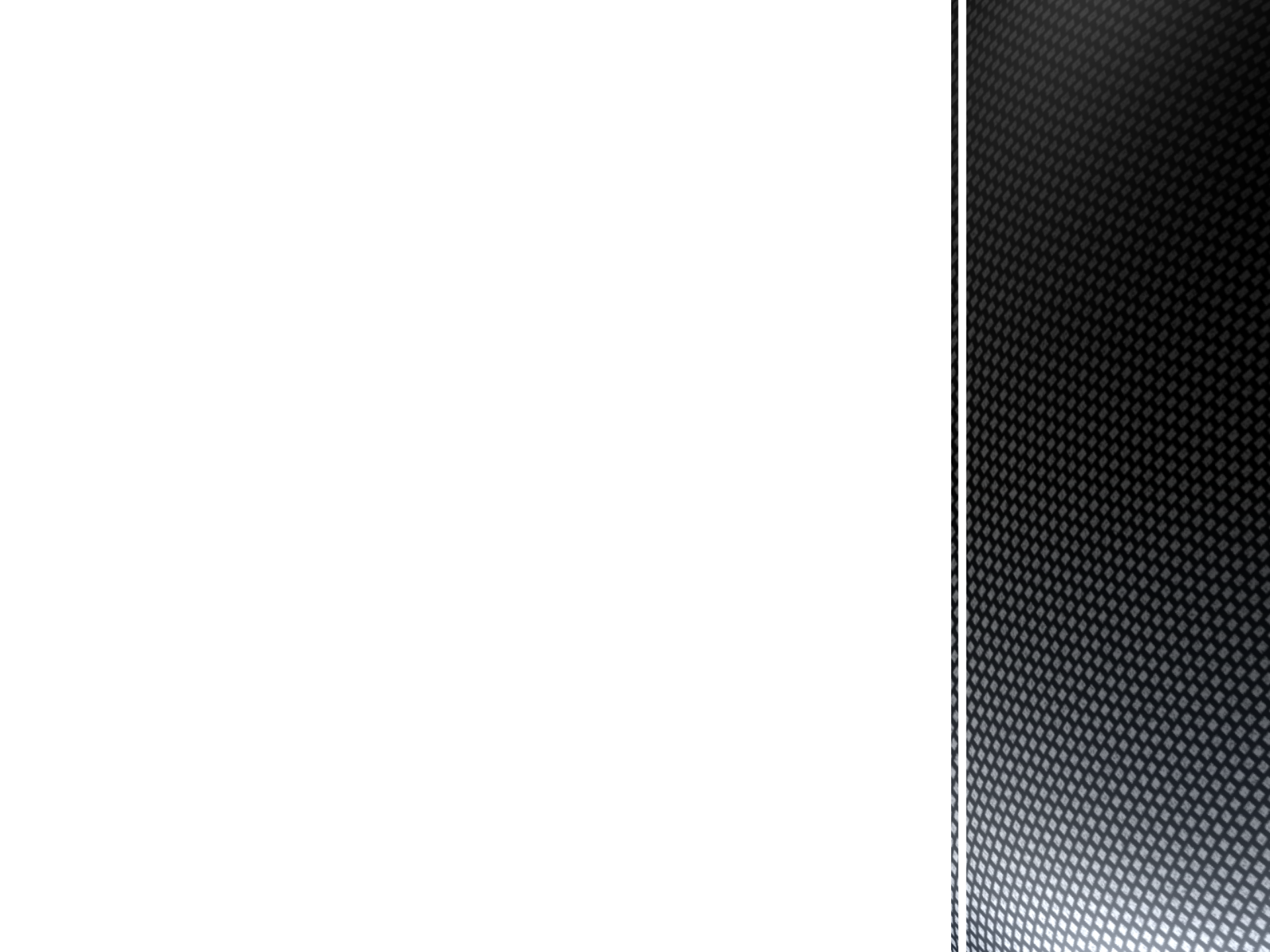
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Plan submitted
to ESIC BOD -
Dépôt du plan
au CA de la SIÉS



Launch of OPT 2
Dévoilement du plan EVP2



Conclusion: Best is Ahead

- Focus on Early Intervention (especially early childhood education)
- Income Testing All Benefits

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