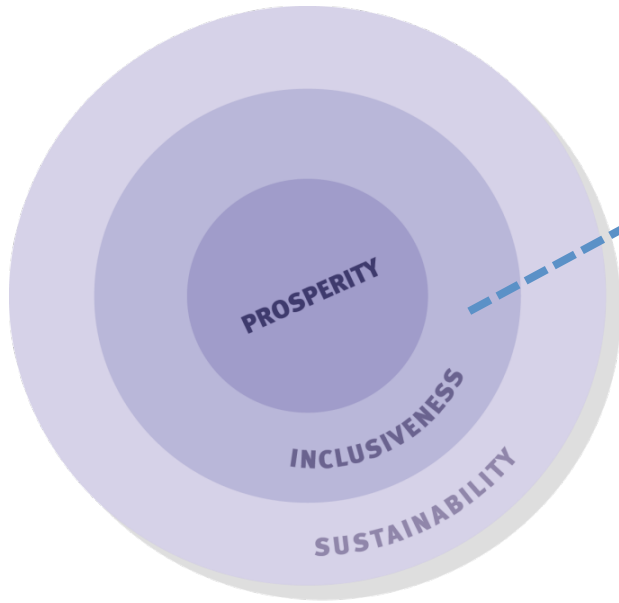


# Tackling Poverty Tensions and Tradeoffs

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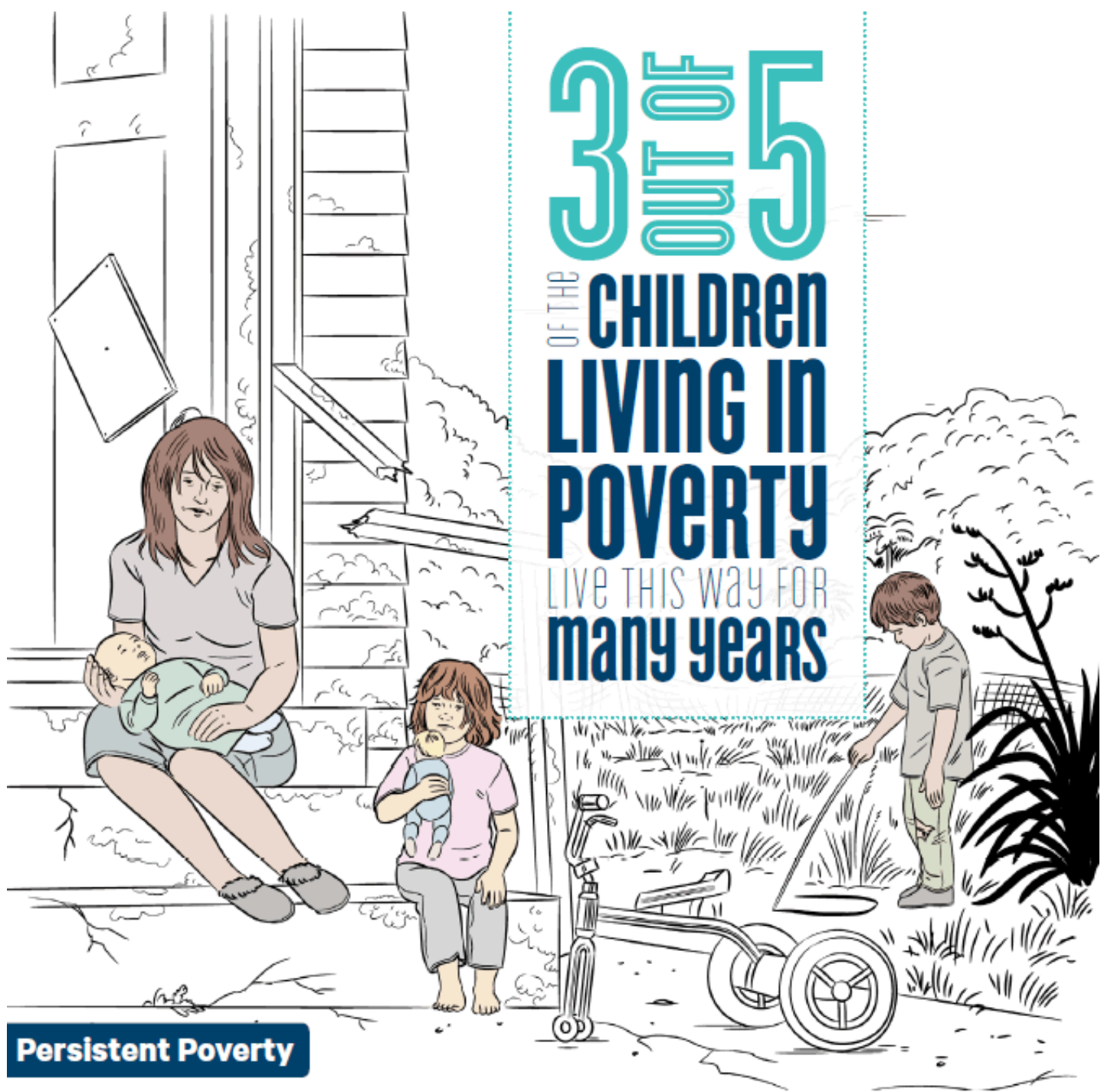
The Treasury's work on Social Inclusion is about helping people develop the **capability and opportunities to participate in society and the economy**

**Social investment is an instrument for achieving social inclusion goals**

**Inclusiveness means engagement throughout**

**Inclusiveness means Māori as partner, not just stakeholder**

**What does inclusiveness mean to you?**

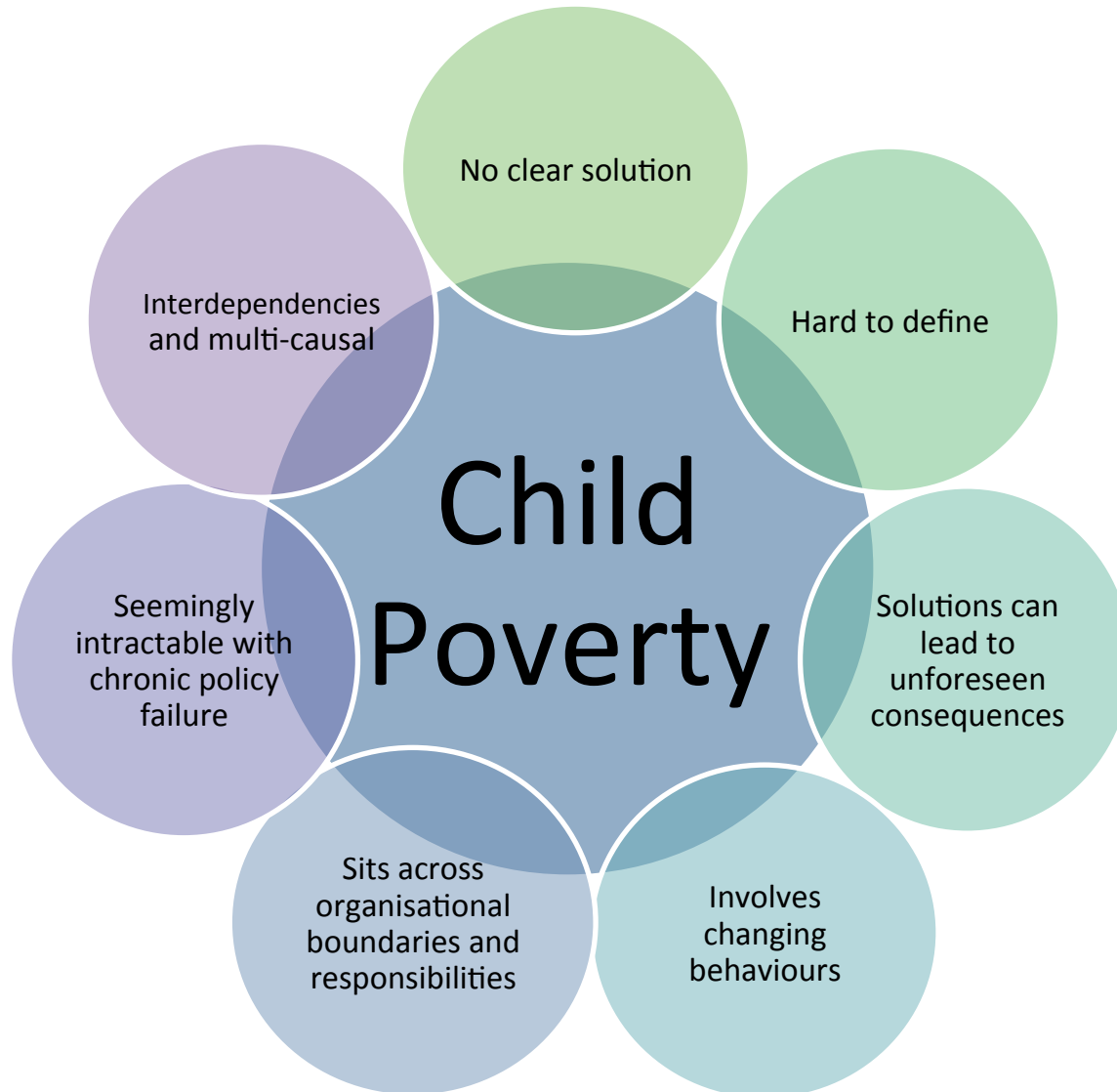


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OF THE **CHILDREN**  
**LIVING IN**  
**POVERTY**  
LIVE THIS WAY FOR  
**many years**

**Persistent Poverty**

# Tackling Poverty: A Wicked Problem



# What is the balance of responsibilities for raising a child?

What we all want: strong, well-balanced children who have the opportunities and capabilities to participate in society and grow strong children of their own

“How do we give all children the best start in life?”

“It takes a village to raise a child”

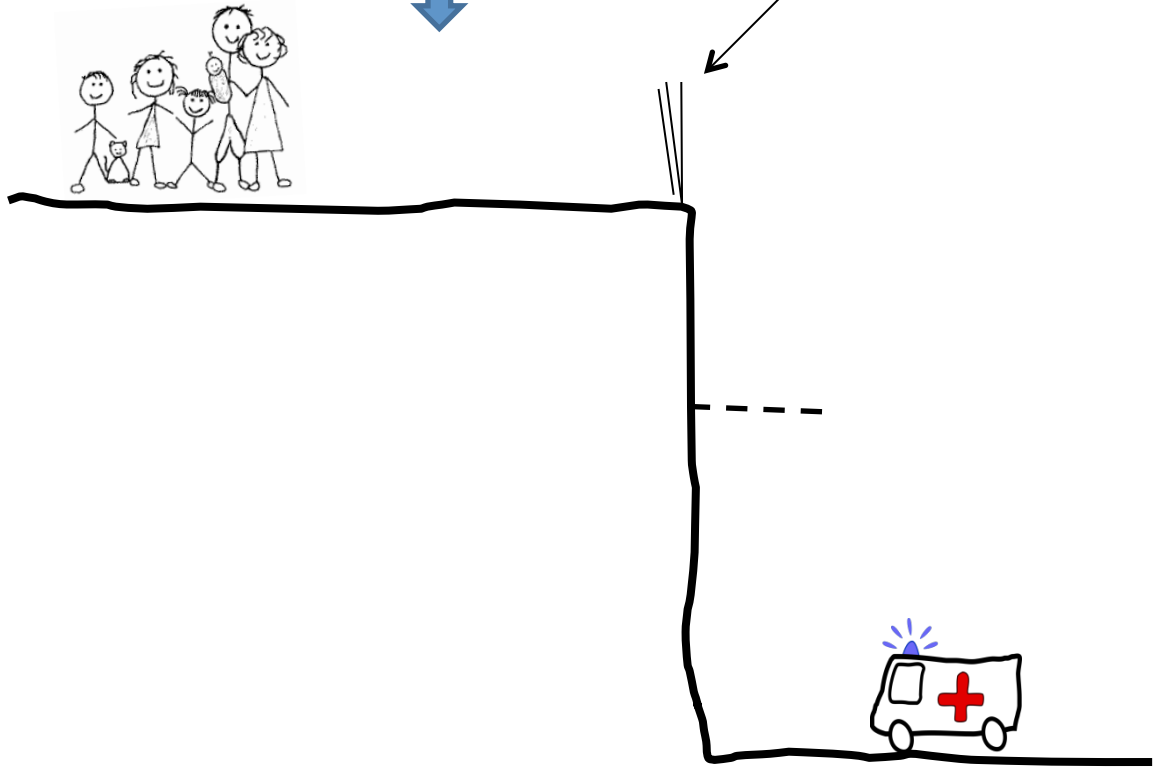
“What is the role of the government in all this?”



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# Universal Services

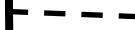
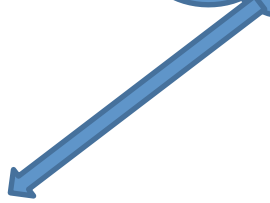
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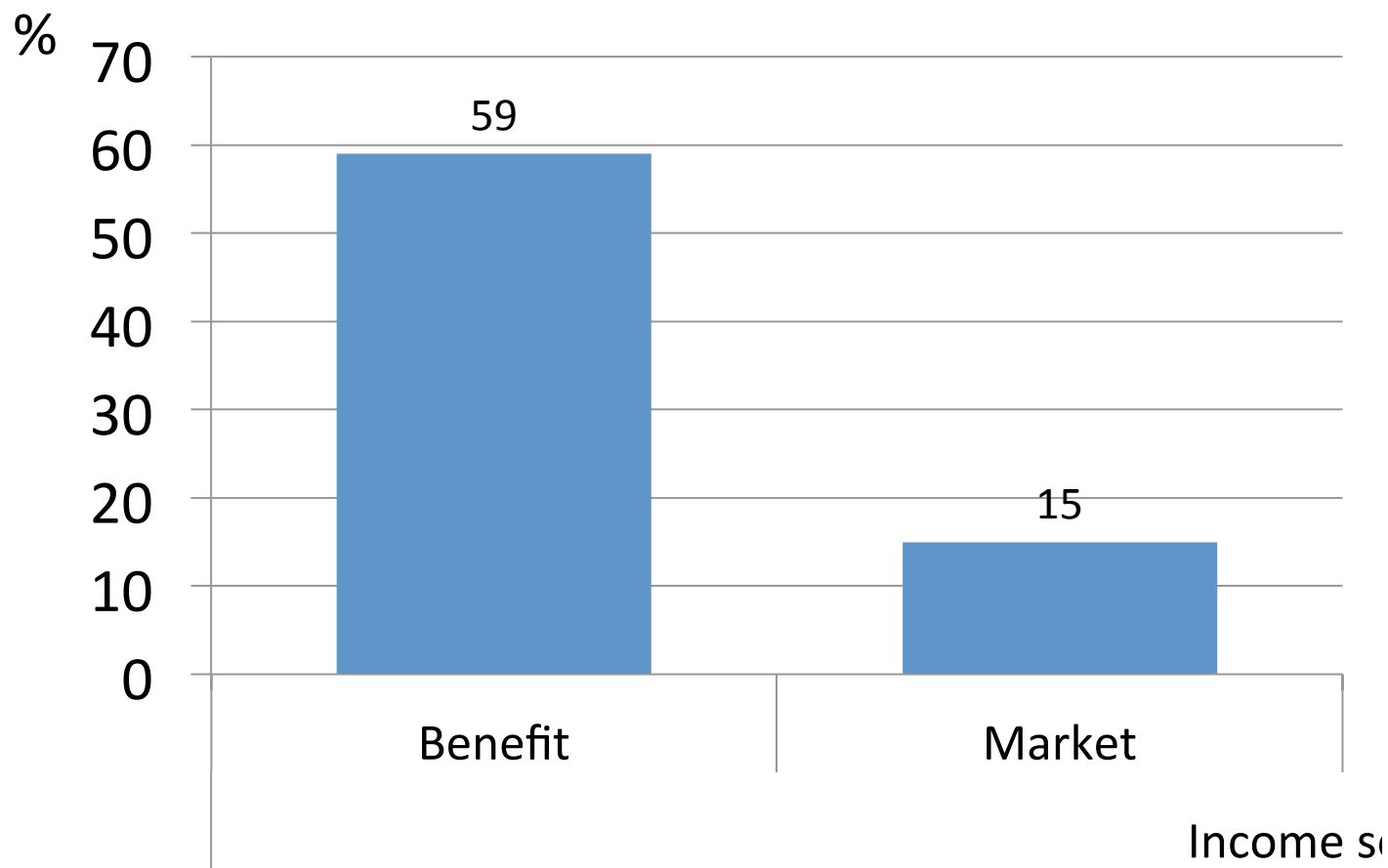
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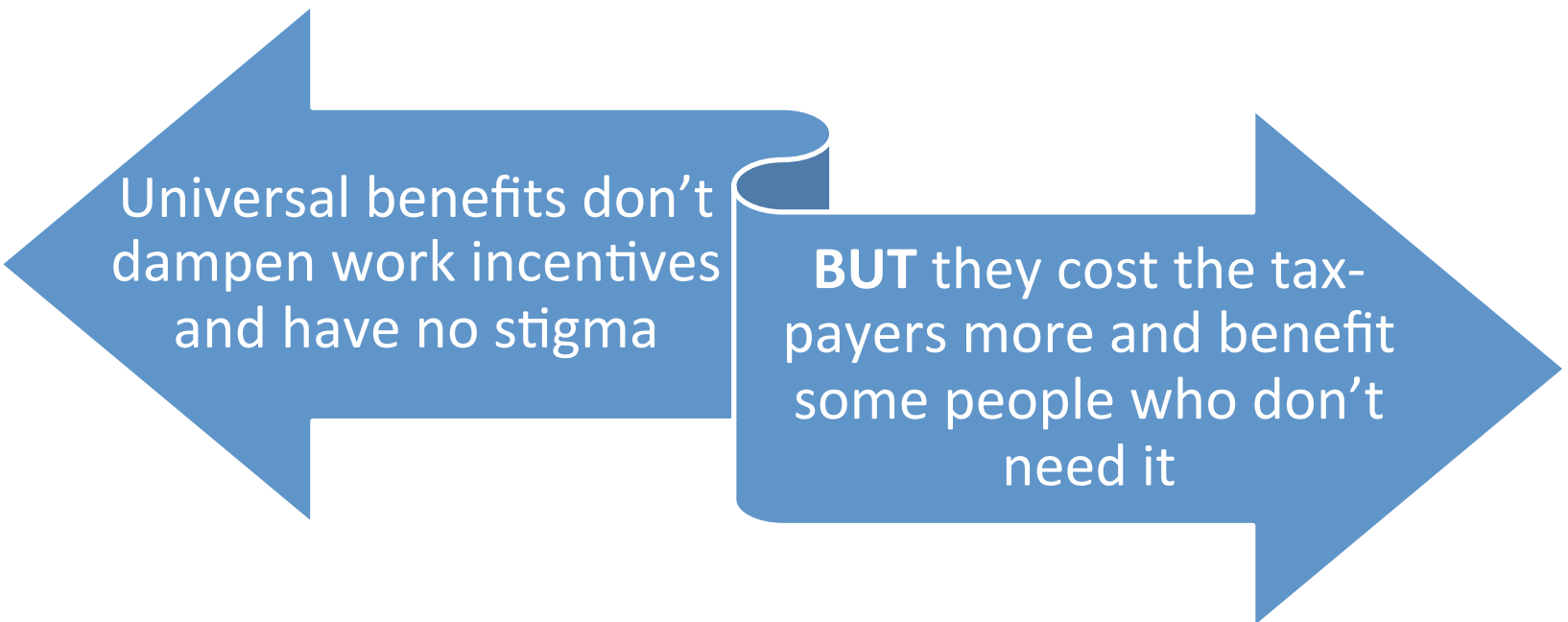


# Hardship rates in children (aged 0-17) by family income source





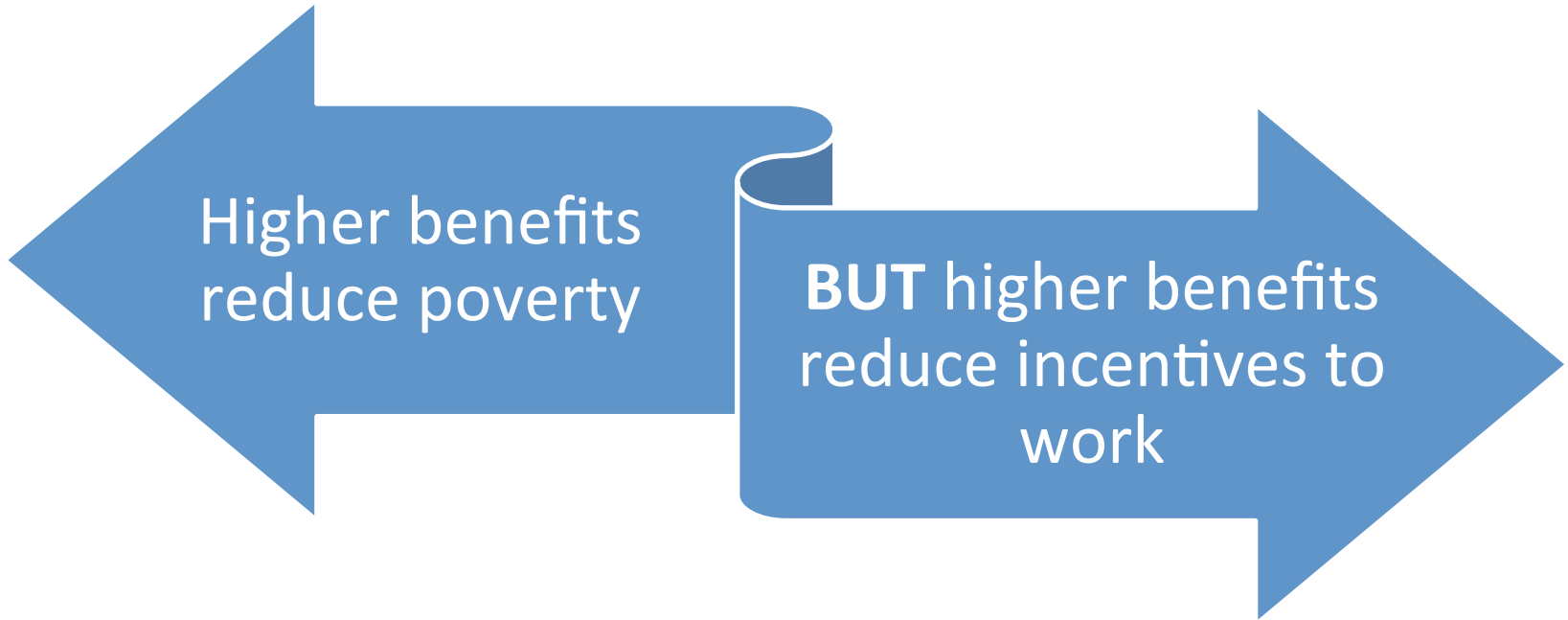
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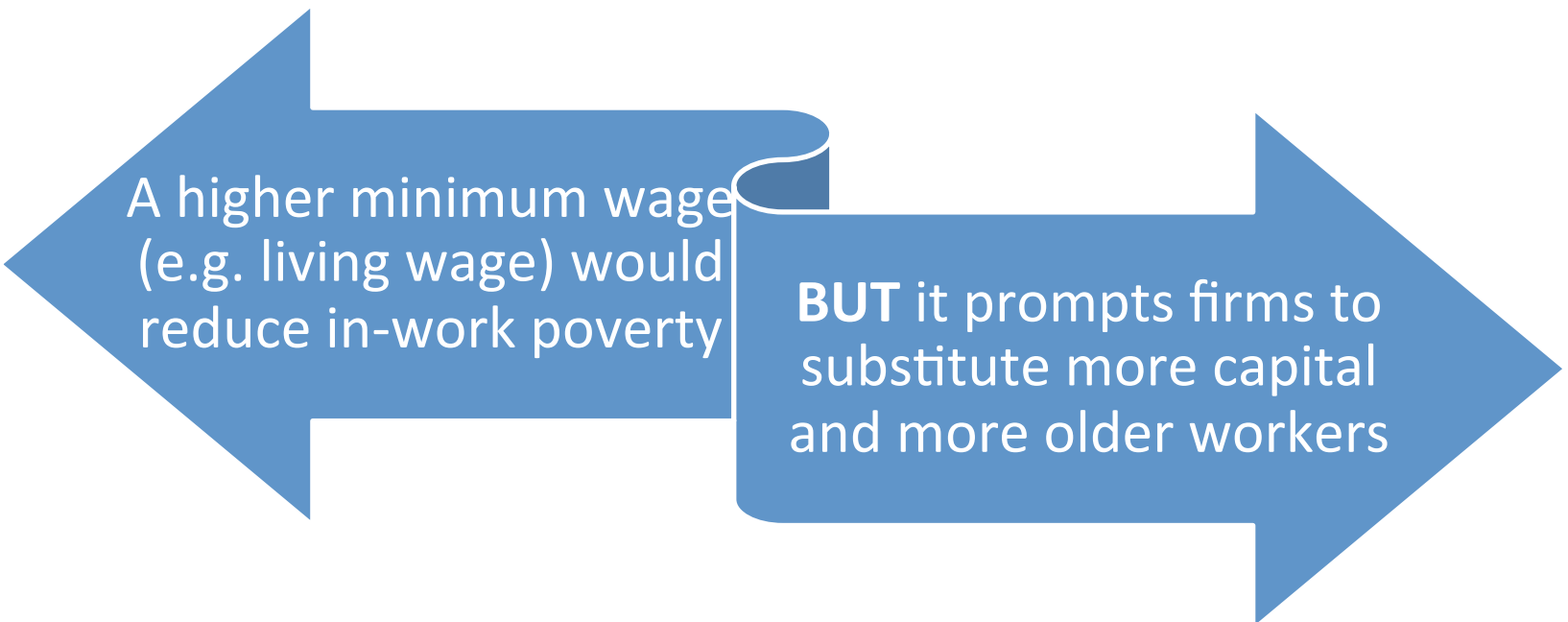
Universal benefits don't dampen work incentives and have no stigma

**BUT** they cost the taxpayers more and benefit some people who don't need it

# Examples of some tensions and trade-offs (2)



# Examples of some tensions and trade-offs (3)



A higher minimum wage  
(e.g. living wage) would  
reduce in-work poverty

**BUT** it prompts firms to  
substitute more capital  
and more older workers

# Now it's over to you...

See how many tensions and trade-offs linked to poverty you can identify ...

We will teach you a way of thinking about these, in the workshop at 4:45pm