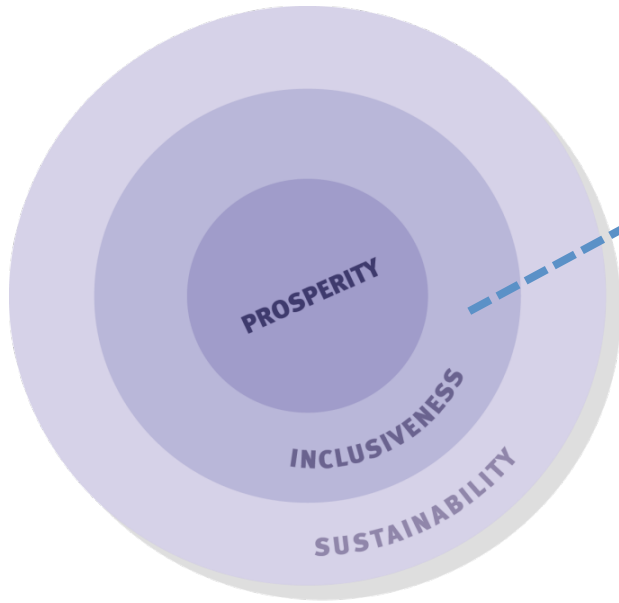


Tackling Poverty Tensions and Tradeoffs

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What is Inclusiveness?

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

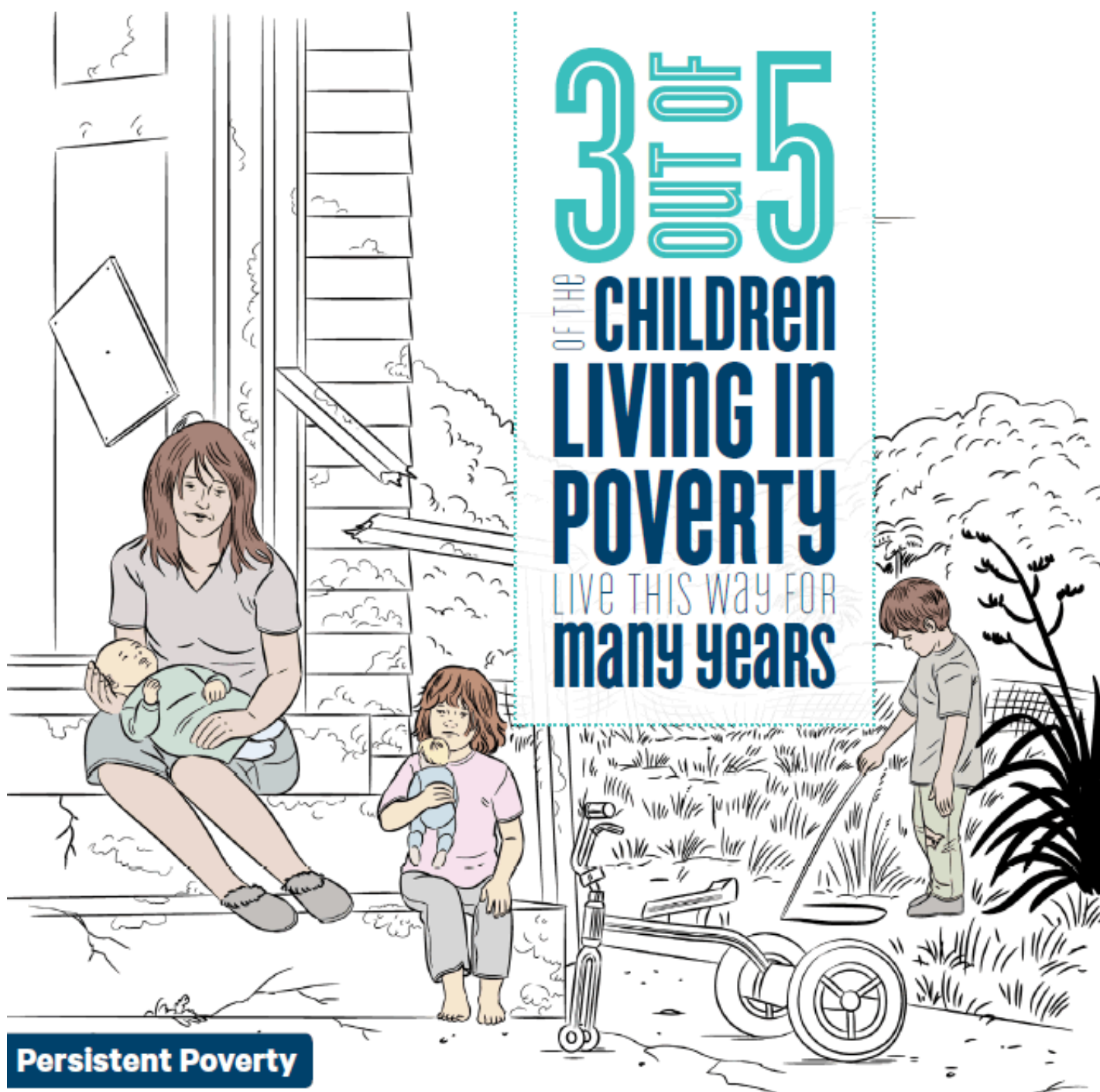
Inclusiveness means engagement throughout

Inclusiveness means Māori as partner, not just stakeholder

What does inclusiveness mean to you?

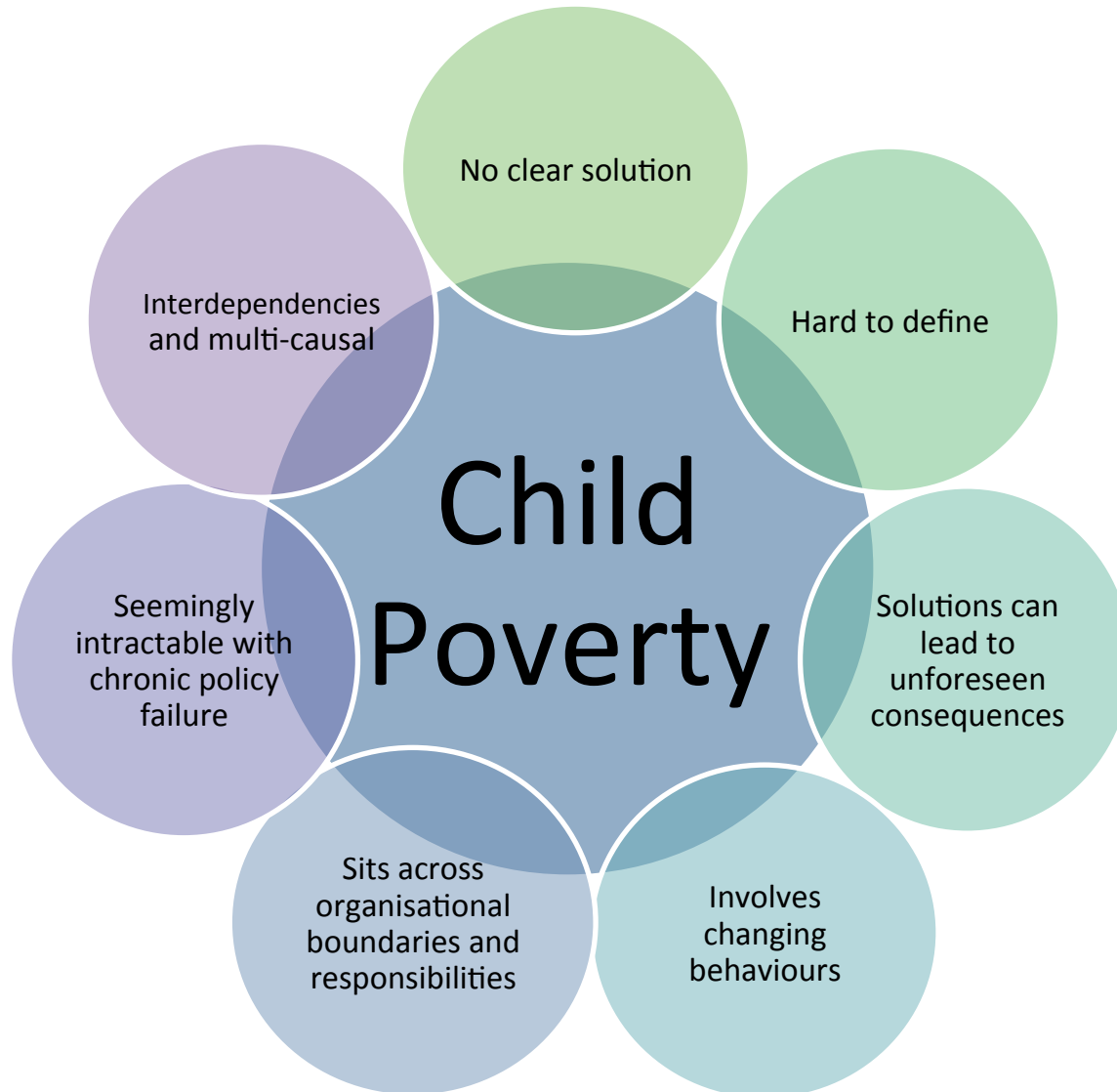
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**OF THE CHILDREN
LIVING IN
POVERTY**
LIVE THIS WAY FOR
many years



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?”



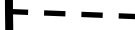
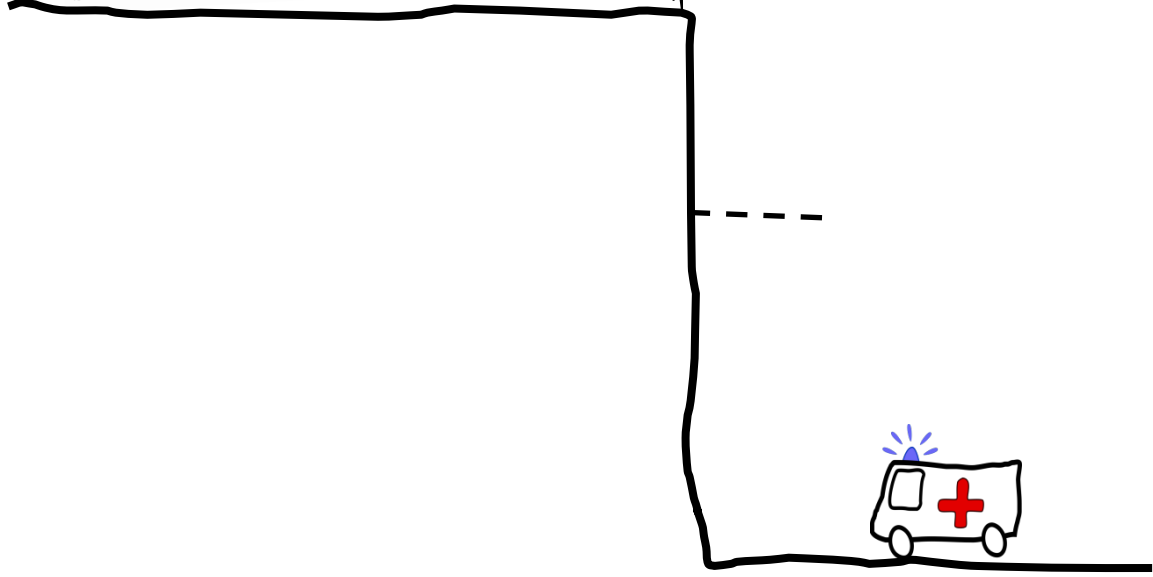
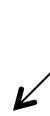
“It takes a village to raise a child”

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

education
health
..... etc



jobs



Universal Services

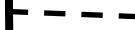
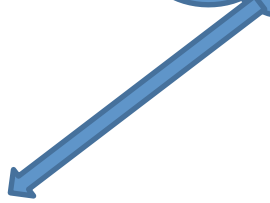
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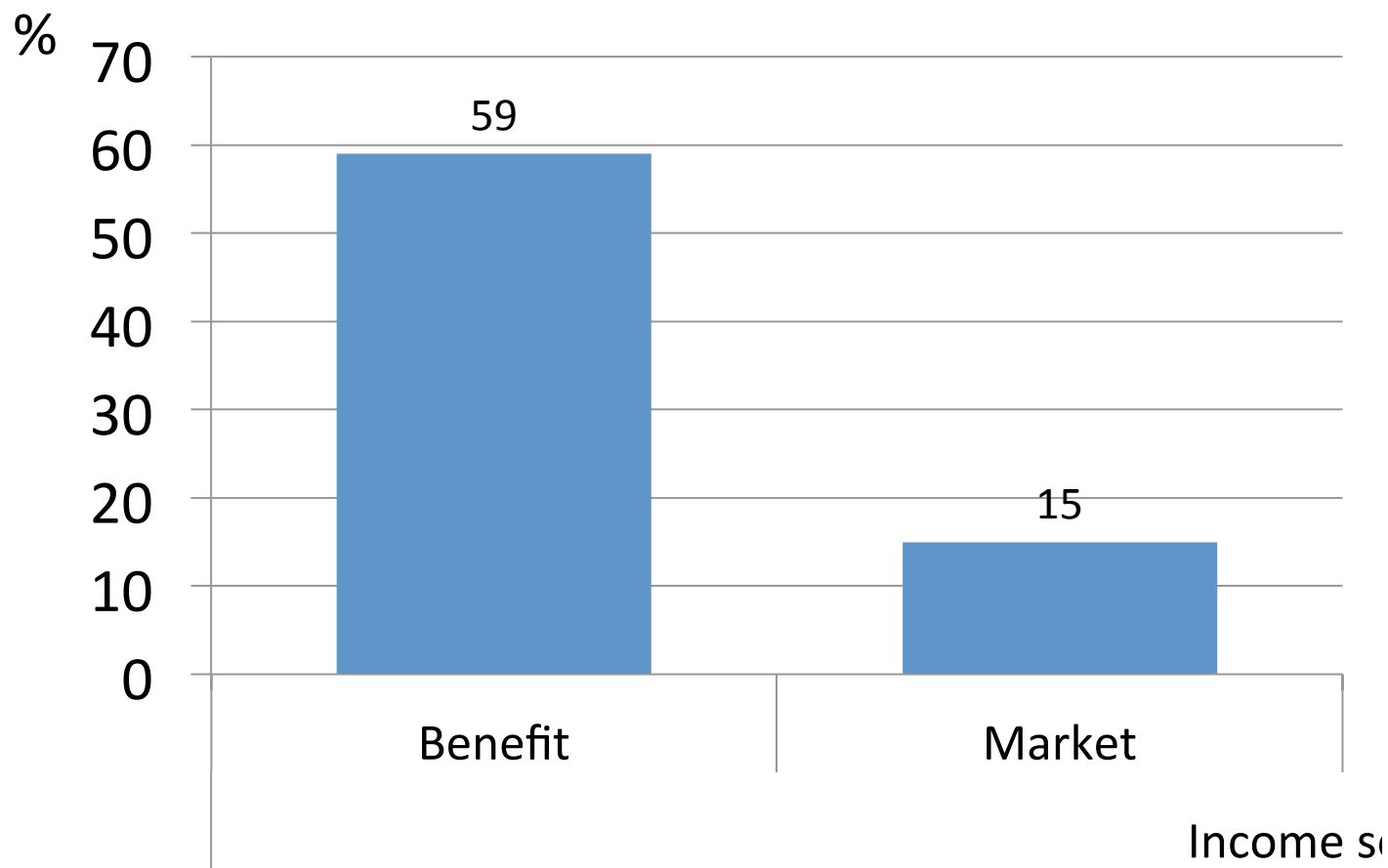
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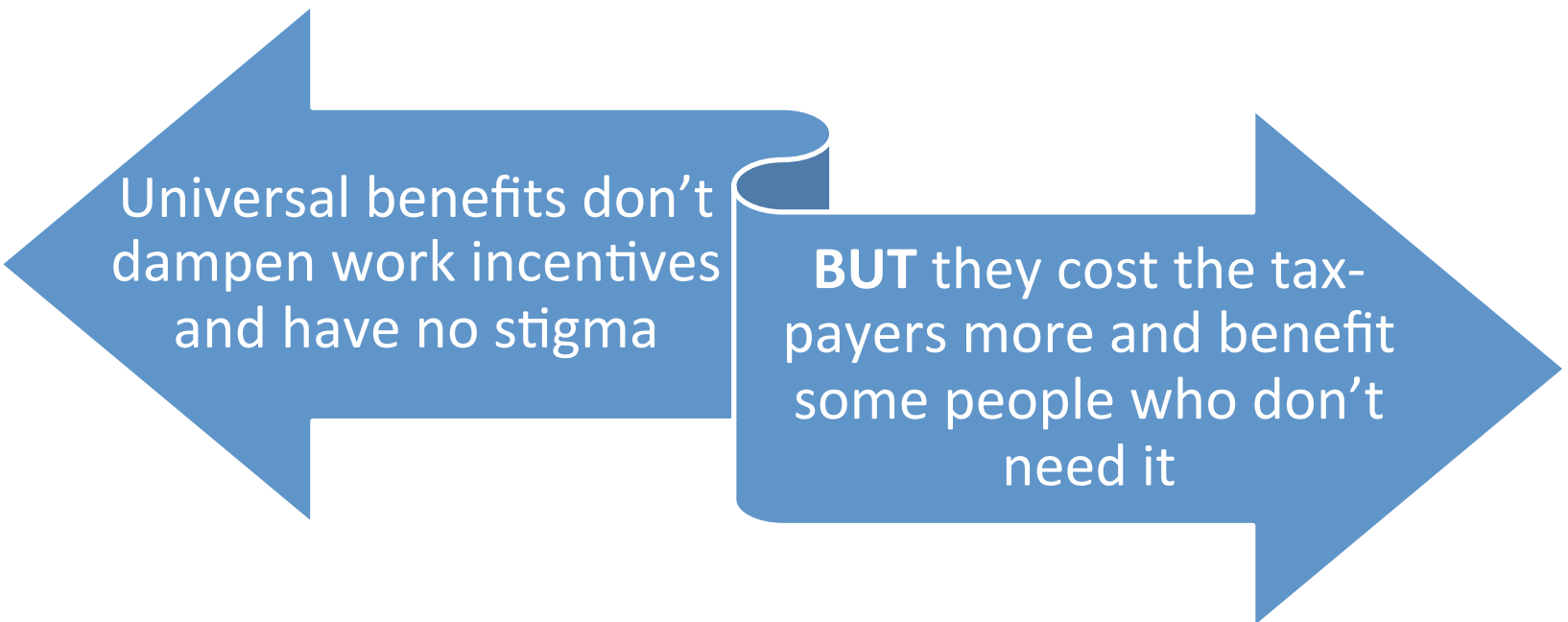
Targeted services



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



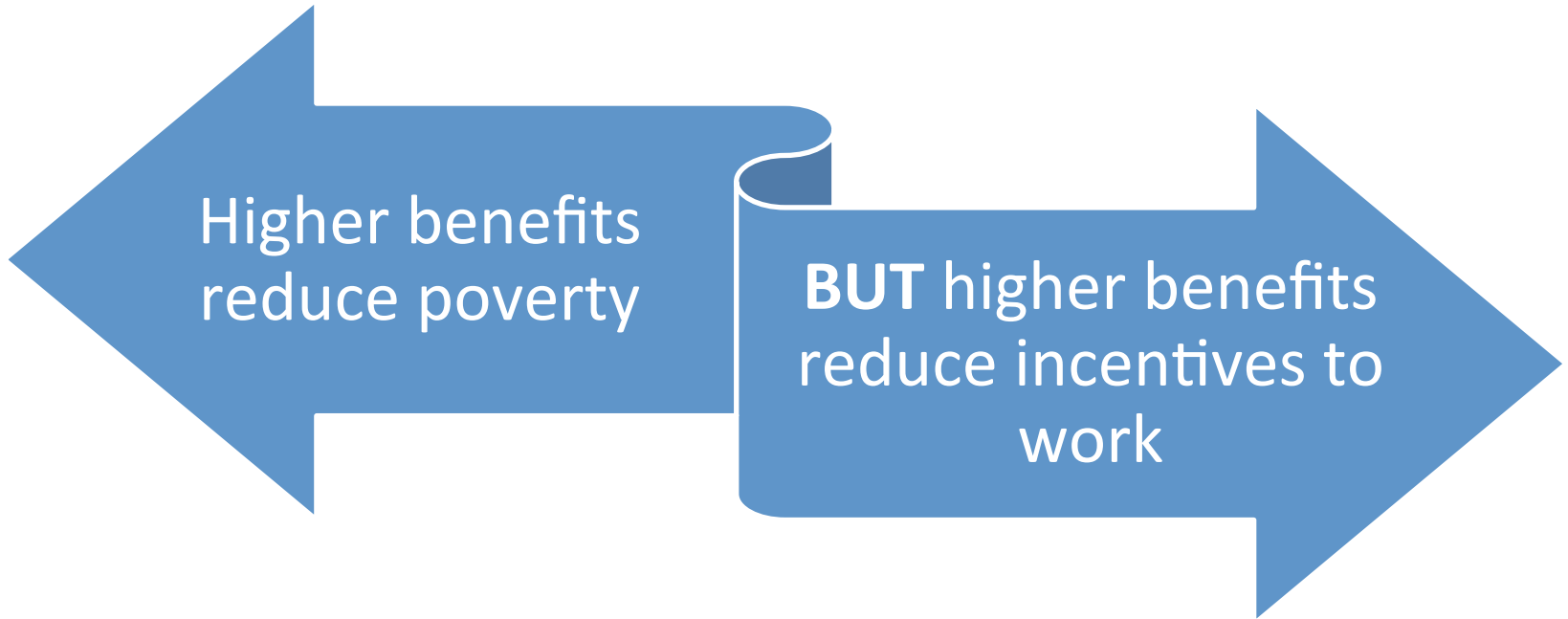
Examples of some tensions and trade-offs (1)



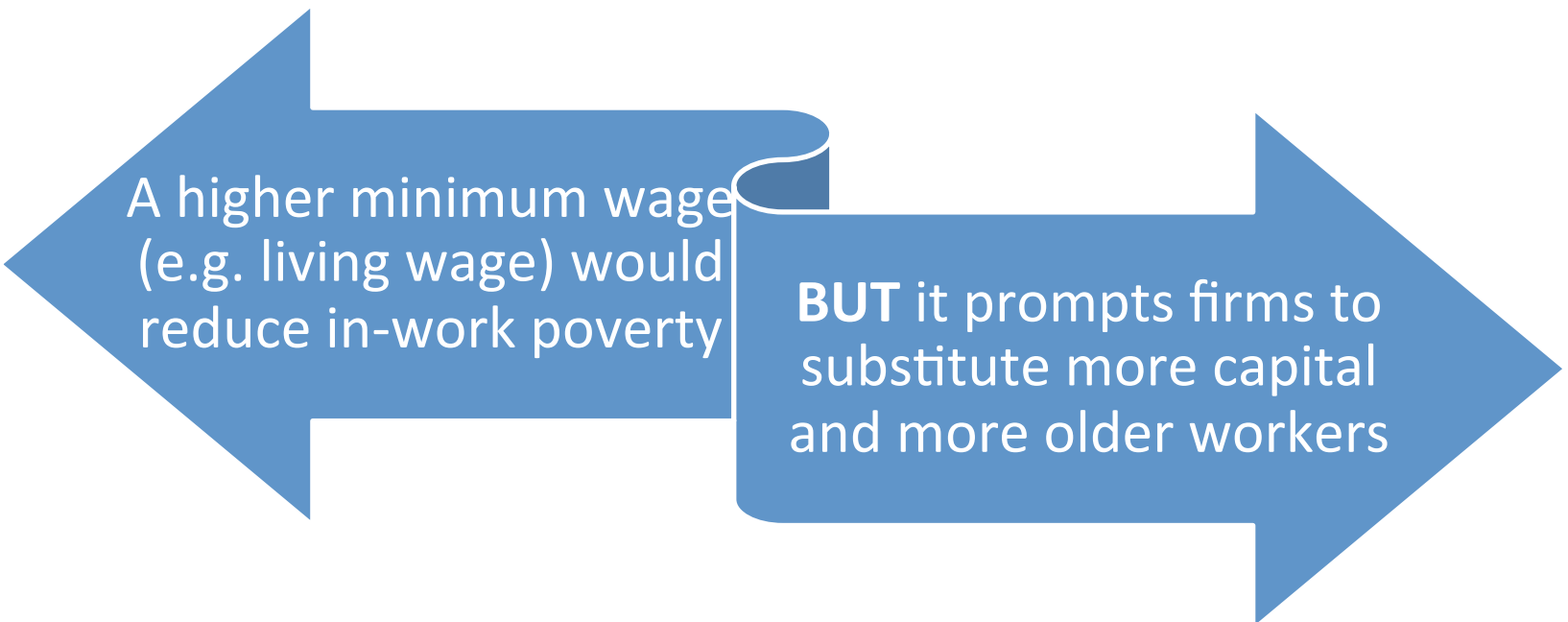
Universal benefits don't dampen work incentives and have no stigma

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