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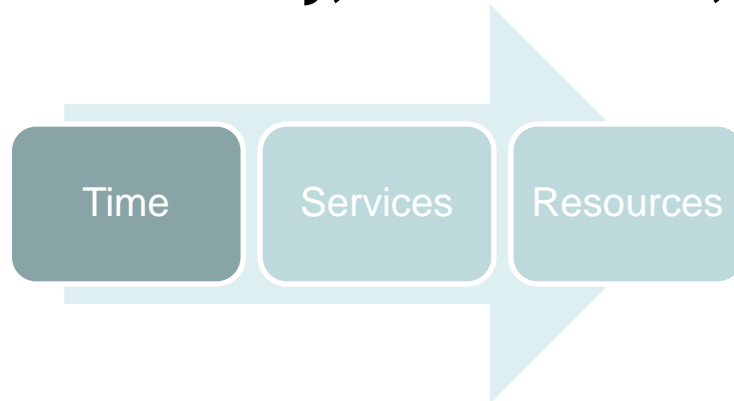
Child poverty, children's health and well-being

the family dimension

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- Works with all family forms
- Over 52 members in almost all EU MS
- Funded by the PROGRESS grant for social inclusion and fight against poverty
- Main areas of interventions, Family Policy, Disability, Education, Consumer policy



Societal observations

- Crisis puts pressure on social cohesion
- Very little social mobility (income) at the two ends of the spectrum
- Aging population - sandwich generation
- Increasing numbers of children are living in lone parent households
- Unprecedented unemployment and youth unemployment levels

Family determinants

- Work – finances, and Work-Life balance, childcare
- Housing - social and private rental
- Health - legal status, access, awareness
- Exercise - habits and financial capacity,
- Consumer attitudes - social status
- Transport, distances, commute
- Attitudes and access to education
- Mental health, substance abuse
- Disability

What could be done?

- OECD: investing in services yield better results than direct cash benefits
 - Policies directed at the early years and directed at equalizing educational opportunities can raise mobility
- (Spending tends to be prioritized in older children (12+))
- Parenting support, early detection, early intervention
 - Reconciling Work and Family Life

Thank you for your attention!



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