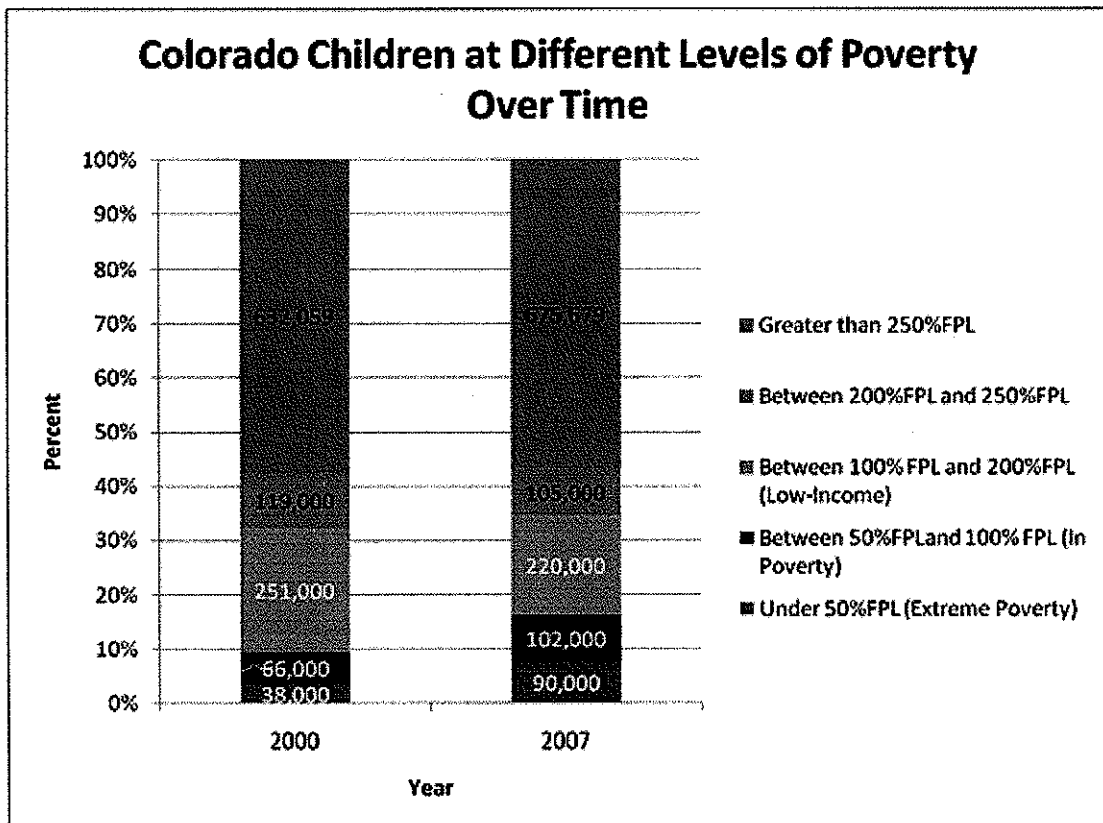


ABSTRACT PROPOSAL FOR THE METRICS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Snapshot of Colorado today—According to the most recent Federal Poverty Report, Colorado's current poverty rate is ~~11.9%~~ **11.4%**

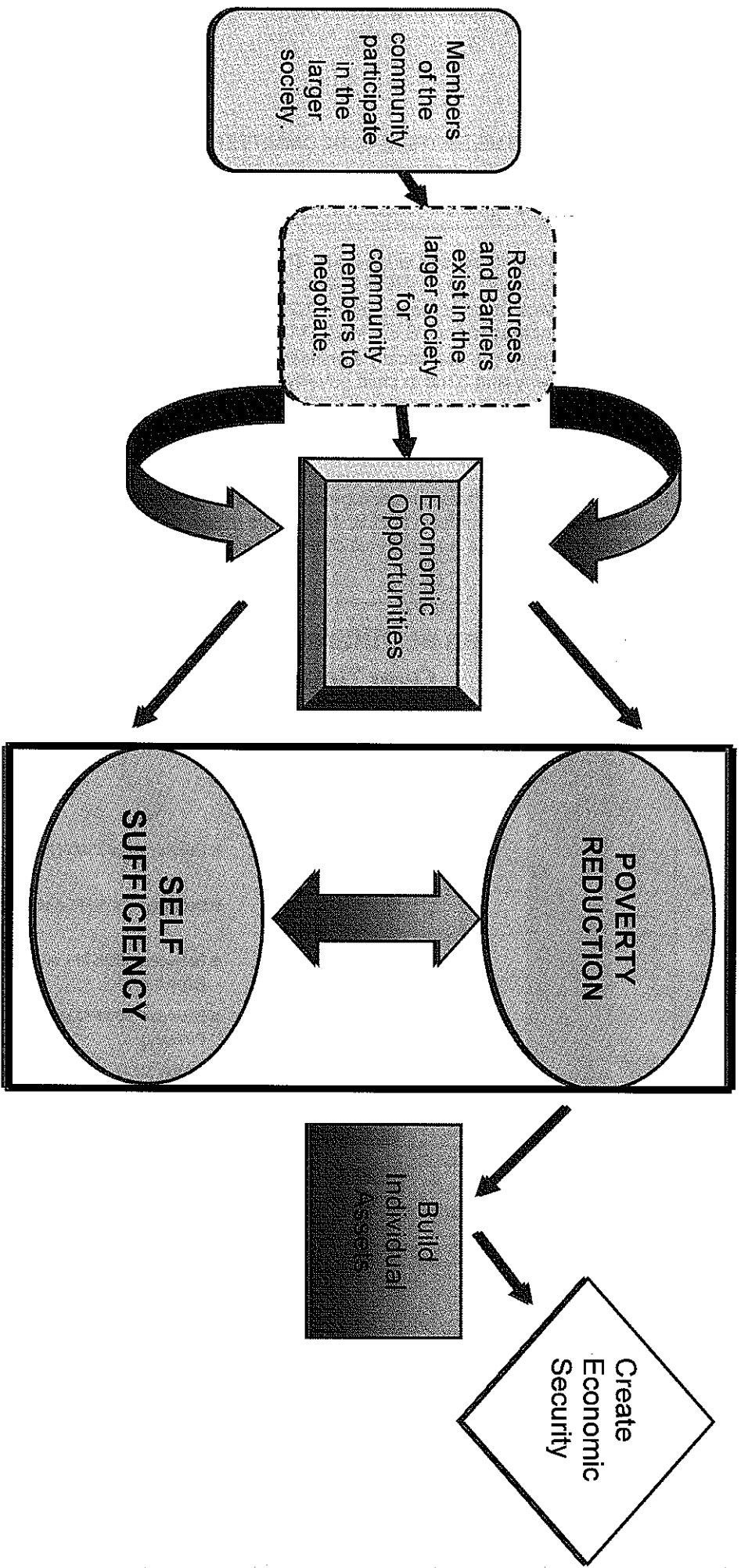
- Poverty in Colorado has increased since 2001. The total poverty rate in Colorado increased from 9.6% in 2001 to 11.4% in 2008.
- Colorado's child poverty rate increased from 12.2% in 2001 to 15.1% in 2008, and the family poverty rate increased from 6.8% in 2001 to 7.8% in 2008.
- All of the above changes are statistically significant, and place Colorado 33rd among states in overall poverty and 32nd in child poverty.
- The metrics committee is creating a baseline model much like the following example to illustrate the scope of poverty in Colorado. This baseline is the foundation for the evaluation of the success of the task force over the next ten years.

The model on the second page illustrates the complexities of poverty as well as the mechanics of how we will achieve the objectives set forth in H.B. 1064. This model is reflective of the overall economic health of Colorado families and includes other measures such as a family's ability to become economically self-sufficient.



HOW PEOPLE GET OUT OF POVERTY?

(This is the working model the Metrics committee chooses to adopt as a "how to guide" for reducing poverty; PATHWAYS TO SELF SUFFICIENCY AND ECONOMIC SECURITY)



These are criteria questions we would recommend for the work of the task force over the next ten years.

Implications for current and future policy; how do we design policy to create economic opportunity and reduce poverty?
 Implication for program implementation; how do we know program implementation is achieving stated policy objectives?
 Best practices based on this model exist in Colorado. What does it take to expand those existing programs that work?

End RESULT: Previous numbers are down by at least 50%