

Five Things

You Need to Know About the First-Ever Diaper Distribution Pilot



The Office of Community Services (OCS) has announced the recipients of its Diaper Distribution Demonstration and Research Pilot grant funding, also known as the Diaper Distribution Pilot. Here are five things you need to know about the pilot:

1 Diaper need is a barrier to the physical and financial wellbeing of children and families

One in three families with diaper-aged children struggles to secure enough diapers for their children. In addition to serious health consequences for children, diaper need is also a barrier to economic mobility. Families that rely on child care services may miss work or school due to an insufficient supply of diapers.

2 The Diaper Distribution Pilot employs effective anti-poverty strategies to move families towards self-sufficiency

The Diaper Distribution Pilot is about more than just diapers – it is about lifting a real barrier to health and wellbeing for low-income families and connecting those families with other programs that address the causes and consequences of poverty. Grant recipients will partner with community-based organizations to leverage existing resources and provide support services to increase economic mobility for families experiencing diaper need.

3 The Diaper Distribution Pilot will connect families with a consistent supply of diapers as well as other needed resources and services.

Grant recipients and partner organizations will distribute diapers and diapering supplies on a regular basis accounting for the shifting needs of the participating families. Diaper distribution will also be an entry point for families to access additional support services, addressing immediate and long-term needs.

4 The Diaper Distribution Pilot will have a measurable impact on the financial wellbeing of participating families.

In addition to alleviating diaper need for families, the desired outcomes of the Diaper Distribution Pilot include increased access to other support services for families, improved health outcomes for children, and increased rates of participation of beneficiaries in the workforce, training programs, and/or higher education. Partner organizations will conduct regular data collection to measure program effectiveness.

5 Diaper Distribution Pilot funding will expand diaper distribution programs in 6 states and 1 Tribal consortium.

This map highlights the grant recipients of the Diaper Distribution Pilot funding.

