

# The need for DIAPERS



The struggle to provide enough diapers is apparent from data showing how much Americans spend on them per year. Families right here in our community experience diaper need every day. **That's why in 2021, EBC provided more than 1.5 million diaper changes.** EBC provides diapers to keep babies protected, healthy and secure. Diapers give family caregivers what they need to care for their children.

## Why diapers? Fast facts on #DIAPERNEED

### What is diaper need?

- 🐾 The lack of a sufficient supply of diapers to keep a baby clean, dry, and healthy.
- 🐾 Infants require up to 12 diapers each day, at a cost of \$80-\$100 per month per baby.
- 🐾 The cost of diapers, along with other necessities, is rising every day.

### How many families struggle with diaper need?

- 🐾 1 in 3 families struggle with diaper need.
- 🐾 4.9 million infants and toddlers live in low-income or very low-income families.
- 🐾 Government safety-net programs – including food stamps and WIC – do not recognize diapers as a basic need and do not provide funding for diapers.

### What is the impact of diaper need?

- 🐾 Diaper need impacts the physical, mental, and economic well-being of children and families.
- 🐾 Most child care centers require parents to provide disposable diapers.
- 🐾 Without diapers, babies can't participate in early childhood education programs.
- 🐾 Without child care, parents can't go to work or school.

### What is a diaper bank?

- 🐾 Diaper banks are nonprofit organizations that focus on addressing diaper need by collecting, storing, and distributing free diapers to struggling families.
- 🐾 Diaper banks obtain diapers through local diaper drives, in-kind donations, and by purchasing diapers directly with donated funds.
- 🐾 Diaper banks, like EBC, help meet diaper need by providing diapers to more than a quarter of a million infants & toddlers each month.
- 🐾 EBC is a member of the National Diaper Bank Network (NDBN), and the Baby2Baby Network, nationwide nonprofits dedicated to eliminating diaper need in America and to helping to meet the need of all babies and their families.

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