

# Diaper Distribution Pilot New Hampshire



## Diaper Need in the United States

Diapers are essential for the health and well-being of babies and toddlers. Diapers alone can cost 8% of a person's total income if they are making the federal minimum wage, and parents and caregivers who don't have enough diapers often can't send their children to child care. This leads to missed days at work and school, missed early education opportunities for toddlers, and an increased likelihood of painful rashes and infections. A lack of diapers is not only a public health issue: it is a formidable obstacle to economic mobility for families with low incomes.

## About the Diaper Distribution Pilot

The [Office of Community Services](#) (OCS) at the [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#) announced its third cohort of Diaper Distribution Pilot grant recipients during National Diaper Need Awareness Week. This program channels new funding to expand existing diaper distribution services, through the robust network of anti-poverty services that the OCS already provides through the Community Services Block Grant.

The Diaper Distribution Pilot puts another anti-poverty tool in the hands of community action agencies (CAAs) and their partners as part of their efforts to provide wraparound services for individuals and families with low incomes. The Diaper Distribution Pilot also connects families to economic mobility and family support services such as job training, educational support, housing services, and more. OCS understands that this Diaper Distribution Pilot is about more than just diapers – it is about lifting barriers to health and well-being for families with low incomes, and connecting those families with other programs that address the causes and conditions of poverty and help them take steps toward self-sufficiency.

## About the Grant Recipient

The [New Hampshire Community Action Partnership's](#) (NHCAP) mission is to reduce barriers to help clients improve their economic stability and well-being through education, advocacy, and partnerships.

Using the \$1,193,846 awarded for the Diaper Distribution Pilot, NHCAP will use the hub-and-spoke model established by the organization's Commodity Food program to distribute diapers and supplies throughout the state. Regional distribution centers will provide families across New Hampshire with convenient access to services regardless of location.

NHCAP will partner with:

- [NH Department of Health and Human Services](#)
- [The Family Resource Center](#)
- [Children Unlimited](#)
- [Family Resource Center of Central New Hampshire Laconia](#)
- [Families First Health and Support Center Portsmouth](#)
- [Healthy Starts - Home Healthcare, Hospice, and Community Services](#)
- [Waypoint](#)
- Local community action agencies:
  - [Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc](#)
  - [Southern New Hampshire Services](#)
  - [Tri County Community Action](#)
  - [Community Action Partnership of Strafford County](#)

## Diaper Need in New Hampshire

- **10%** of New Hampshire's children live in poverty.<sup>1</sup>
- Poverty rates rise to **21%** when there are five or more children in the family.<sup>2</sup>
- **1 in 3** single mothers in New Hampshire with children under five live in poverty.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> NHCAP

<sup>2</sup> New Hampshire Employment Security, Economic and Labor Market Information Bureau

<sup>3</sup> New Hampshire Fiscal Policy Institute