

# Diaper Distribution Pilot Oregon



## 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 [Community Action Partnership of Oregon's \(CAPO\)](#) mission is fostering inclusive and caring communities across Oregon with equitable access to the services and resources needed to thrive and meet the goals of families.

Using the \$1,200,000 awarded for the Diaper Distribution Pilot, CAPO will expand existing diaper distribution programs to serve 19 counties that do not currently have formal diaper distribution programs in place, as well as the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. This program plans to deliver over 3 million diapers across the state over the duration of this project.

Community Action Partnership of Oregon will partner with:

- [PDX Diaper Bank](#)
- Nine local community action agencies:
  - [Community Action Team](#)
  - [Multnomah County Youth and Family Services](#)
  - [United Community Action Network](#)
  - [Community Services Consortium](#)
  - [Klamath and Lake Community Action Services](#)
  - [Oregon Coast Community Action](#)
  - [Community Action Program of East Central Oregon](#)
  - [NeighborImpact](#)
  - [Community Action Organization](#)

## Diaper Need in Oregon

- **16%** of Oregon children live in poverty.<sup>1</sup>
- **1 in 3** single mother households live below the poverty line.<sup>2</sup>
- The average cost of center-based infant child care in Oregon is over **\$14,000 per year.**<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> CAPO

<sup>2</sup> Oregon Center for Public Policy

<sup>3</sup> U.S. Department of Labor Women's Bureau