



About the Diaper Distribution Demonstration Research Pilot

The [Diaper Distribution Pilot](#), administered by the [Office of Community Services \(OCS\)](#) at the [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#), channels new funding to expand existing diaper distribution services, through the robust network of anti-poverty services that 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.



Diaper Distribution Pilot: Choctaw Nation

Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (CNO) is a federally recognized tribe in Southeast Oklahoma in an extremely rural area. The area is comprised of small, isolated towns which contributes to socioeconomic challenges, like low education rates and high unemployment. The extreme rurality causes issues for families as well and has fueled the mission of this grant recipient. CNO is dedicated to providing early intervention programs and a variety of services to decrease school failure and increase employment opportunities with goals to improve outcomes for individuals and families in the area. They currently provide wraparound services to families with low incomes and plan to strengthen diaper distribution through these funds.

The CNO will use DDDRP funds to expand diaper distribution services to families with low incomes living within the reservation. Funds will be used for diapers, diapering supplies, two vehicles, and staff to ensure that supplies are delivered consistently and in a timely manner. The purchase of vehicles is crucial to ensuring that remote towns of the service area can access appropriate materials. Additionally, they plan to set up an advisory board with partners to develop new policies and programs. Participating families will receive monthly diaper distributions.

Diaper Need in Choctaw Nation



27%

Percent of children with parents who lack secure employment¹



21.2%

Percent of children who live below the poverty line²



\$10,430

Annual cost of center-based infant care per family³

About the Project

- **Funded Amount:** \$1,181,552
- **Service Area:** Choctaw Nation (Includes 13 counties: McCurtain, LeFlore, Haskell, Latimer, Pushmataha, Choctaw, Bryan, Atoka, Pittsburg, Hughes, Coal, Johnston, and Ponotoc County)
- **Types of Partners:** Parenting programs, Nutrition/Food Assistance Programs, Low Income Housing Assistance Programs, Foster Care Programs, Childcare Programs, Abuse & Violence Assistance Programs
- **Target Number of Children Served:** 271 children per year

¹ The Annie E. Casey Foundation. (2024, April). Children whose parents lack secure employment in United States. Kids Count Data Center.

² Children's Bureau. (n.d.). Child Population Data. Child welfare outcomes state data review portal.

³ Women's Bureau. (n.d.). National Database of Childcare Prices. DOL.