



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: Indiana

Indiana Community Action Association, Inc.

Indiana Community Action Association (INCAA) is a statewide membership program for Indiana community action agencies. INCAA supports their CAAs across the state to help provide care and reduce poverty for families statewide. Support services include providing trainings, technical assistance, and network building resources. Additionally, INCAA helps statewide CAAs to provide services to families and individuals, like childcare and housing assistance which includes weatherization and lead-testing support.

INCAA will use its DDDRP funds to increase capacity of two diaper banks and two CAAs to provide diapers, wipes, and diapering supplies to more families in the service area. Additionally, INCAA plans to provide trainings and technical assistance to the participating diaper banks and CAAs to improve diaper distribution efficiency and expand programs. The expansion of diaper distribution is targeted to assist both urban and families with low incomes that currently qualify for other assistance programs, like WIC. Furthermore, INCAA plans to provide wraparound services that support financial stability for beneficiaries.

Diaper Need in Indiana



66%

Percent of children with parents who lack secure employment¹



16.0%

Percent of children who live below the poverty line²



\$9,438.52

Annual cost of center-based infant care per family³

About the Project

- **Funded Amount:** \$1,200,000
- **Service Area:** Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, Jasper, Jay, LaGrange, Lake, LaPorte, Newton, Noble, Porter, Pulaski, Steuben, Wells, and Whitley Counties
- **Types of Partners:** WIC Clinics, CAAs, Healthy Start, Nurse-Family Partnerships, Community Centers, Health Clinics, Township Trustee Offices, Diaper Distribution Partners, Diaper Banks
- **Target Number of Families Served:** 2,195

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 Office of Early Childhood and Out of School Learning. (2018, June 7). Market Rate Survey Report 2018. Indiana Family and Social Services Administration.