

DDDRP: The first federally funded diaper assistance program



A significant number of households with young children do not have enough diapers to meet the needs of their babies and toddlers. With pilot funding from Congress, the Office of Community Services launched the first-ever federal diaper pilot in 2022. The Diaper Distribution Demonstration and Research Pilot (DDDRP) helps to address the root causes of diaper need, by combining a consistent supply of diapers with wraparound social services to support economic self-sufficiency.

This is a general overview of DDDRP and preliminary efforts from the first three cohorts of grant recipients.

Diaper Need Among Participants

In the months prior to enrolling:

55%

borrowed money or diapers from a family member or a friend to stretch their diaper supply

37%

stretched the diaper supply they had by changing less frequently

12%

kept their child diaperless to stretch their diaper supply

45%

often needed to reduce spending on other essential needs (food, utilities, etc.) to afford diapers

42%

often felt stress about having enough diapers for their child(ren)

38%

often felt stress about being able to provide necessities such as food, clothes, and shelter

31%

had children that had a diaper rash, bladder infection, or other diaper-related health issue

6%

took their child(ren) to the ER due to a diaper-related health issue

Family Characteristics:



74% of households served have an annual household income of less than \$35,000

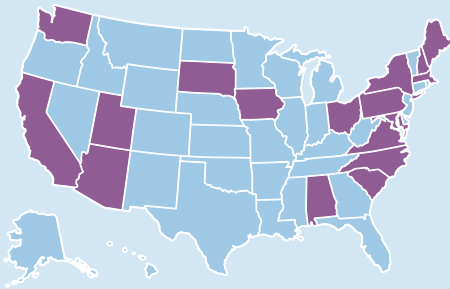



66% of the caregivers are working, in school, or looking for work



8% of children served have a special need that has been diagnosed by a professional

DDDRP at a Glance



 = States and tribes with DDRP grant recipients

11,616,231
diapers provided

30,674
families served

21
DDDRP grant recipients
in cohorts
1, 2, and 3

Data represent services for **15 months of service delivery for cohort 1 grant recipients, 7 months for cohort 2, and 4 months for cohort 3.**¹

¹This data is based on DDRP grant recipients' quarterly progress reports. This data is current as of June 2024 for cohorts 1 and 3 and April 2024 for cohort 2.



Wraparound Services for Participants

In addition to addressing diaper need, the Diaper Distribution Pilot aims to connect families to wraparound services that provide additional support for families' needs. Examples of wraparound services that may be offered are:



Head Start Programs



Child and Youth Supports, such as child care and after school programs



Family supports, like coaching and parenting classes



Food assistance



Housing assistance



LIHEAP² energy and/or fuel assistance



LIHEAP weatherization assistance



Water and/or other utility assistance



Training and employment services



Financial literacy courses



VITA³ and other tax advice or assistance



Adult educational services

²LIHEAP = Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program; SNAP = Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program;

³VITA = Volunteer Income Tax Assistance; WIC = Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children

For more information on how grant recipients support families, see the April 2024 evaluation brief: [Diapers for Families in Need: An Overview of Federally Funded Approaches to Diaper Distribution](#)



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