Five Things

You Need to Know About the Diaper Distribution Pilot

The Office of Community Services (OCS) has announced the third cohort of recipients of its Diaper Distribution Demonstration and Research Pilot grant funding, also known as the Diaper Distribution Pilot. Here are five things you need to know about the program:

1 Diaper need is a barrier to the physical and financial well-being of children and families

Diapers are a major expense for families, and can cost up to 8% of a person's income, if they are making minimum wage. In addition to serious health consequences for children, diaper need is also a barrier to economic mobility. Families that rely on child care services may miss work or school due to an insufficient supply of diapers.

2 The Diaper Distribution Pilot employs effective anti-poverty strategies to move families toward self-sufficiency

The Diaper Distribution Pilot is about more than just diapers – it is about lifting a barrier to health and well-being for families with low incomes and connecting those families with other programs that address the causes and consequences of poverty. Grant recipients partner with community-based organizations to leverage existing resources and provide support services that increase economic mobility for families experiencing diaper need.

3 The Diaper Distribution Pilot connects families with a consistent supply of diapers as well as other needed resources and services

Grant recipients and partner organizations distribute diapers and diapering supplies regularly, accounting for the shifting needs of the participating families. Diaper distribution is also an entry point for families to access additional support services, addressing immediate and long-term needs.

4 The Diaper Distribution Pilot aims to have a measurable impact on the financial well-being of participating families

In addition to alleviating diaper need for families, the Diaper Distribution Pilot increases access to other support services for families, improves health outcomes for children, and increases rates of participation of beneficiaries in the workforce, training programs, and higher education. Partner organizations will participate in a national evaluation to measure program effectiveness.

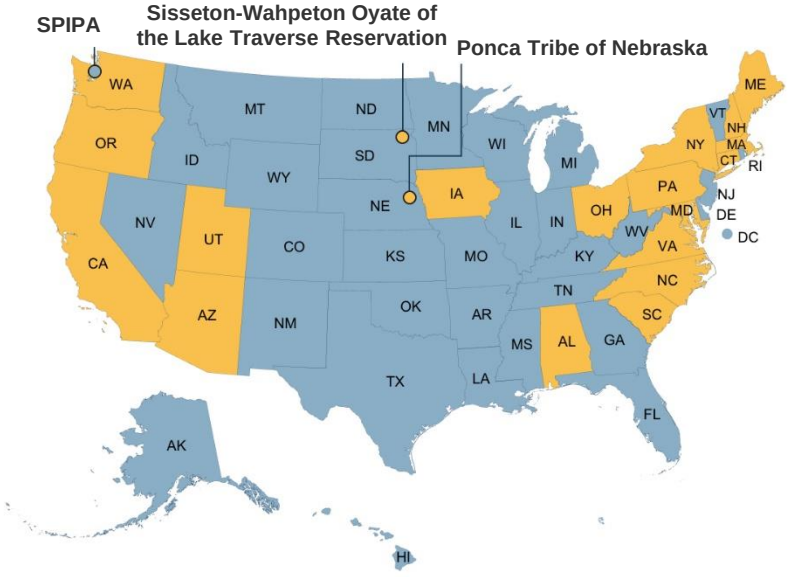
5 Diaper Distribution Pilot funding has expanded diaper distribution programs in 18 states and three tribal communities

Cohort One: Arizona, Iowa, North Carolina, South Carolina, South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency (SPIPA)[1], Virginia, Washington

Cohort Two: Alabama, California, Maryland, Massachusetts, Ohio, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation[2], Utah

Cohort Three: Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Ponca Tribe of Nebraska[3]

[1] SPIPA provides services to consortium members in the South Puget Sound area
[2] The Lake Traverse Reservation includes 7 counties in North Dakota and South Dakota
[3] The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska provides services in 15 counties in Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota



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