



# CLEAN, DRY AND HEALTHY

EVERY CHILD IN THE US SHOULD HAVE ENOUGH DIAPERS



Diapers are a basic need for children in the United States, as essential to their health and well-being as food, shelter and a parent's love. Yet many families struggle to afford diapers, and few resources exist to help them.

## THE FACTS ARE STAGGERING EVERYDAY:

22%

of all children under five years of age in the United States live in poverty

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families in America struggle to afford diapers for their children

34%

of families surveyed had cut back on basics such as food, utilities or child care in order to purchase diapers for their child.



At a rate of ten diapers per day per child, diaper wearing children in poverty in the United States require more than 9 billion diapers annually to keep them clean, dry and healthy.

## HOW DOES LACK OF DIAPERS AFFECT FAMILIES & CHILDREN?

A lack of diapers has many detrimental outcomes for children and families' health, economic, emotional well-being and educational opportunities



Most immediately, an inadequate supply of diapers forces many parents to leave their child in a soiled diaper longer than is appropriate, which frequently leads to diaper rash, and may cause staph infections and urinary tract infections.



When parents run out of diapers, they are forced to withdraw their children from child care. Without proper child care, parents cannot work to support their families and cannot attend the schooling that will help them provide a firmer economic base for their family

There are a range of negative outcomes in children, including problems with behavior, cognitive ability, language development, school adjustment and overall well-being.

## FLOW OF GOODS, SERVICES & FUNDING

The NOVA Diaper Bank, operated by A Hand Up-NOVA, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with the goal of providing diaper assistance to children in our region. We collect diapers and funds so we can distribute diapers to helping organizations whose work brings them in contact with families in need, ensuring their children receive the essential care they deserve.

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