

Laurel Housing Authority  
Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS)



We are in the process of creating a Diaper Bank for Laurel Housing Authority residents!

Support our **Diaper Bank KICKOFF** by donating diapers of any size or brand in support of National Diaper Need Awareness Week

*“Dry Bottoms Matter”*

**Drop-Off Locations**

**Windsor Court Homes**  
20 Windsor Court

**Beacon Homes**  
911 Home Street

**Triangle Homes**  
212 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.

**Brown Circle Homes**  
50 Brown Circle

Drop-Off Anytime  
Monday - Friday  
8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.



# What Is Diaper Need?

Diaper need is a growing problem in our country. A clean diaper means a happy baby, but according to new data from *The NDBN Diaper Check 2023: Diaper Insecurity among U.S. Children and Families*, 1 in 2 U.S. families cannot afford enough diapers to keep their infant or child clean, dry, and healthy. These babies are more vulnerable to painful rashes and urinary tract infections and have more trips to the doctor. 3 in 5 parents miss work or school because they can't afford the diapers required to leave their baby in Childcare. **Clean diapers are a basic need of every baby and toddler.**


Without clean diapers:

- **babies are exposed to potential health risks and toxic stress;**
- **mothers are at risk for increased maternal depression;**
- **parents are unable to access child care, which require a daily supply of diapers; and,**
- **parents miss work or school.**

**Diapers  
cannot  
be purchased with  
food stamps**


## Why Diapers Matter

Without Diapers -- Babies Cannot Participate in Early Childhood Education  
Without Early Education & Childcare -- Parents Cannot Go to Work



Why Does Early Childhood Education Matter?

Students that participate in early childhood education are 2.5 times more likely to go on to higher education



Source: Economic Impacts of Early Care and Education in California. UC Berkeley Center for Labor Research and Education, 2011.



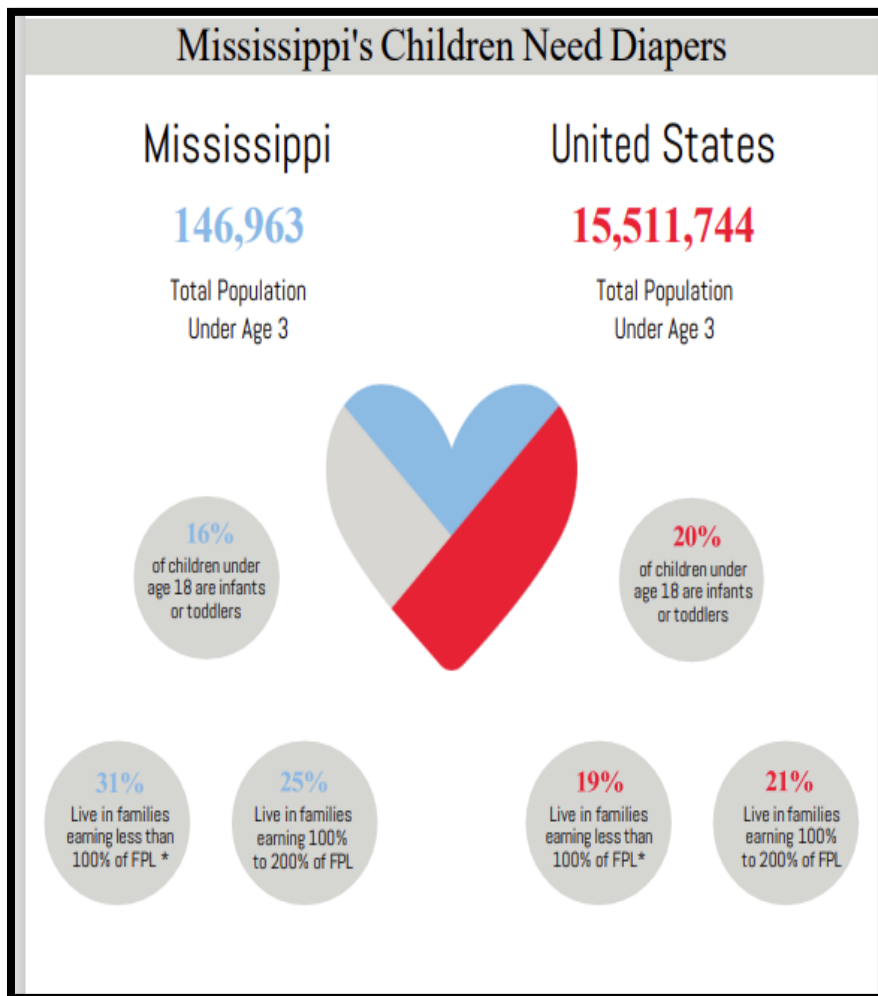
**National  
Diaper Bank  
Network**

**#EndDiaperNeed**

## Let's end diaper need!

- There are many ways to get involved and help fight diaper need. The little actions of many individuals get bigger when we work together
- Diaper need is the condition of not having a sufficient supply of diapers to keep babies and toddlers clean, dry and healthy. You can help call attention to this issue during National Diaper Need Awareness Week.
- National surveys and research studies have reported that **1 in 3 families with children aged three and younger struggle with diaper need**, and 48 percent reported delaying changing a diaper to extend their diaper supply. *(This data was collected before the pandemic and recent skyrocketing inflation.)*

- Diapers cost, on average, \$80 per child each month -- this can be an insurmountable portion of a low-income family's budget.
- **Diapers cannot be purchased with SNAP or WIC.** Other [federal assistance programs](#) that allow parents to purchase diapers with their subsidy fall far short in providing enough assistance for families to cover basic needs—like housing and utilities—and purchase diapers.
- Lacking a sufficient supply of clean diapers puts children at greater risk for urinary tract infections, diaper dermatitis, and many more trips to the doctor's office or hospital emergency department. It also negatively impacts the mental health of mothers, which in turn leads to negative impacts on a child's health and development.
- **Children who do not have a sufficient supply of diapers cannot attend childcare and early education programs.** A sufficient supply of disposable diapers is often required for children to attend these programs. Parents who cannot provide a sufficient supply of diapers may be kept from attending work or school to care for their child. And families who receive childcare subsidies may lose that subsidy if their child is absent too often, regardless of the reason.



### Why Can't Families Use Government Assistance to Buy Diapers?

- Currently, there are no federal programs that support families purchasing diapers.
- Diapers can be bought with TANF cash assistance, but only 23% of families living below the Federal Poverty Level receive cash assistance through TANF nationwide.
- Non-food items do NOT belong in SNAP and WIC - nutrition programs that are already underfunded.

**National Diaper Bank Network**

