



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:

1 in 3

families in America struggles to afford diapers for their children.



At a rate of six diapers per day per child, diaper wearing children in poverty in the United States require more than 5.8 billion diapers annually to keep them clean, dry and healthy.



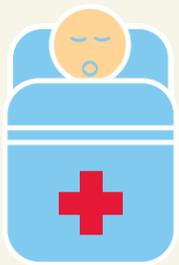
of all children under five years of age in the United States live in poverty.



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

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.



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

THE NATIONAL DIAPER BANK NETWORK: FLOW OF GOODS, SERVICES & FUNDING

The National Diaper Bank Network's goal is to ensure that every child in the United States has enough diapers to remain clean, dry and healthy. This goal will be achieved by raising awareness of the impact of the unmet need for diapers and by creating a nationwide network of diaper banks that will acquire diapers and distribute them to children in need.

