

Common Misconceptions

Government assistance programs cover the cost of diapers:

Diapers can be bought with Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) cash assistance, but nationwide only 23% of families living below the Federal Poverty Level receive cash assistance through TANF. The funds they do receive are insufficient to buy diapers and pay all the other expenses

On March 21st, 2019, Congresswoman Barbara Lee and Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro, introduced the End Diaper Need Act of 2019 (H.R.1846), a bill which would create an \$100m program to distribute free diapers. As of Aug. 1st, 2019 this bill has been stuck in committee since it's introduction.

Cloth diapers are an affordable, reusable option:

While cloth diapers are certainly reusable and environmentally friendly, many childcare centers require the use of disposable diapers. Additionally, cloth diapers require easy access to laundry facilities. Many low income families living in Apartments with communal laundry, or families who use laundromats may find cloth diapers too inconvenient for regular use.

Additional Programs

The Sharing Place Food Pantry: Clients of the food pantry are eligible to receive free food once a month. No referral necessary, but clients must live in the following zip codes: 46216, 46218, 46219, 46220, 46226,46235,46236, 46250, & 46256.

Ready, Set, Learn!: a Back-to-School uniform program by referral only. Referred children receive two polo shirts and two pairs of slacks.

Schneider Nat'l Carriers Thanks-Give-Away: A Thanksgiving Food give away by referral only.

The Christmas Store: A client-choice Christmas Assistance program by referral only.

How you can Help

Make a donation today to TEDD at:
www.lutheranfamily.org/donate

Deliver a diaper donation to The Foundation for Lutheran Child and Family Services

Host a diaper drive — call or email us for ideas!



The Emergency Diaper Dispensary (TEDD)

A program of:



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The Reality of Diaper Need

A lack of diapers results in increased disease risk—diaper rash, staph infections, hepatitis. Because families don't have enough diapers, a baby might only be changed once a day, or a diaper may be rinsed and reused.

Babies cry more often when wearing dirty diapers, which may result in an increased risk for child abuse, especially from inexperienced parents. A sufficient supply of diapers keeps a baby dry, healthy and happy!

Many childcare programs require parents to supply diapers for their children before they can enroll, meaning cash strapped parents are more likely to miss work or school because they cannot afford to put their child in day care.

Diapers are expensive. On average, a single newborn uses up to 10-12 diapers each day. That's between 300-360 diapers a month, or about a \$100 a month, based on diaper prices in July of 2019. Having multiple children in diapers multiplies cost, naturally.

With nearly 1 in every 4 children and nearly half of single mothers in Indianapolis living at or below the poverty line, keeping children in clean diapers is a financial difficulty for thousands of our neighbors, which portends grave consequences for the rest of a child's life.

Our Mission

“Engaging and Empowering Families and Community with Love, Compassion, Faith, and Support.”

Diversity and inclusion are core values of Lutheran Child & Family Services and as such our organization commits to continually develop and implement practices, programs and a workforce resembling the clients and communities that we serve.



What is TEDD?

The mission of The Emergency Diaper Dispensary is to ensure that families living in poverty have a source of diapers for their infants and toddlers in an emergency, such as the loss of a job, unforeseen financial difficulty, or when a family must flee an unsafe situation.

Case workers and social workers from approved agencies are able to refer clients in need of diapers to TEDD. Once the referral has been approved, the case worker/social worker must pick up the diapers for the family. Each family may receive 30 diapers a month, four months of the year.

For more information on TEDD referrals, please contact Maria Man at 317.359.5467 ext. 339 or mman@lutheranfamily.org

How to Enroll

1. Social workers/case workers must contact mman@lutheranfamily.org to receive guidelines for enrollment and a referral form.
2. Forms must be filled out and returned via email to mman@lutheranfamily.org. The Case worker will receive a confirmation email with pick-up date and time. **Please do not fax!**
3. The referring agency must contact TEDD every time the client is in need of diapers.