



A Family Place Community Diaper Banks
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Who needs a change?

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Dear Diaper Drive Organizer,

Thank you for your interest in hosting a diaper drive for A Family Place. Increasing access to diapers is a fun and easy way to provide a much needed resource for families in our community who are caring for Yamhill County's youngest residents.

Mothers with limited access to diapers have reported more difficulty with stress management, depression and general coping skills, all of which are proven to have negative effects on young children. Furthermore, children without an adequate diaper supply cannot attend early childhood classrooms or daycare, greatly reducing their parent's ability to work. By organizing a diaper drive through A Family Place you are building a community in which families have what they need to thrive. **Thank you!**

This quick toolkit contains the following:

- Diaper drive host agreement form
- Flyers
- Facts about the need for diapers
- Overview of relief nursery services
- Steps to create a successful diaper drive
- Sample email to your organization
- Tracking form for the diapers you collect (this allows you to easily share your success with those who contributed!)
- Ideas for individuals interested in hosting a drive

We are here to help! If there's anything we can do to make your diaper drive more successful, please let us know. We would love to schedule a time to meet with your group to provide additional information on the need for diapers in our community and answer any questions.

We look forward to getting the diapers you collect to families who desperately need them.

With sincere appreciation,

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Steps to Hosting a Diaper Drive

1. We Can Help!

Before you start, please let us know you plan on holding a diaper drive by completing the host agreement form. A member of our team can schedule a time to share with your organization or group about the need for emergency diapers and the benefits of relief nursery services in our community. We can also tell you if we are low on specific sizes and help publicize your drive.

2. Choose a Time

Plan on holding your diaper drive for at least a week, and maybe as long as three weeks, so people have time to donate. You can also tie your drive to a holiday or event already planned in your community, such as a school fair, community festival or library book sale.

3. Set a Goal

A child needs 8-10 diapers a day. Set a goal to diaper a newborn in need for a month (300 diapers), three months (900 diapers), or a year (3,650).

4. Decide How to Collect Diapers

Contributions can be brought to a regularly scheduled meeting, given to a specific person in an organization, or dropped at a collection site. (Collection sites should be visible and accessible to many people - you might have donations from outside of your organization!) A Family Place has play-n-packs available for loan to use as collections bins.

5. Get the Word Out

There are tons of free ways to advertise:

- Use the social networking world —send emails, post your drive on Facebook and Twitter, ask your friends to share it with their friends.
- Ask those with children to contact teachers to see if their class can bring diapers to contribute to your drive. Some teachers will add information to their newsletter as well.
- If your diaper drive will be held in your workplace, hang signs in high-traffic areas, or gathering spaces.
- One of the best ways to advertise is still word of mouth — talk about the drive to anyone and everyone!

Be sure to include the dates you are collecting
diapers and the location of your drop site(s).

6. Collect and Tally the Diapers

Once the diapers are collected, tally the total using the spreadsheet provided and share the results with everyone who participated!

Encourage a “Next Time”

- Refer to your results in terms of “this time we collected”
- Send thank you notes to all who helped make the drive a success
- Start planning your next diaper drive!



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Host Agreement

Organization Hosting the Diaper Drive: _____

Diaper Drive Date(s) / Time(s): _____

How will diapers be collected? _____

What goal are you setting for your drive?

Diapers: _____

A Family Place does not have a minimum diaper donation.

For internal use

Final number of diapers collected: _____

Please attached final tally sheet.

- I agree to promote and advertise my diaper drive.
- I agree to collect the names and contact information for people who would like to receive additional information about A Family Place and how relief nursery services benefit our community.
- I agree not to share contact information with anyone, except A Family Place.
- I agree to track the number of diapers and dollars collected during my drive.
- I agree to track the number of hours volunteers spend performing diaper drive tasks.
- I agree to contact A Family Place within one week of the close of my drive to arrange a time to hand-off diapers, cash donations and contact information.

Contact person for your diaper drive: _____

Contact person's email and phone: _____

****Please complete and return to A Family Place before the start of your diaper drive.****



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Parents

- 1 in 3 moms report they do not have an adequate supply of diapers
- Diapers for one child cost families an average of \$18/week
- The pain that a parent or caregiver feels when they are not able to meet their children's basic needs adds stress and tension to the already difficult task of parenting; many mothers report a lack of diapers is more distressing to them than a lack of food.

Children

- Babies exposed to stressful environments for long periods of time are affected negatively both emotionally and physically.
- Families that are not able to afford an adequate supply of clean diapers often leave their babies in a single diaper all day, which can result in diaper rash and other detrimental health issues.
- Excessive crying, often the result of diaper rash or discomfort, is frequently cited as an underlying cause of child abuse.

Communities

- Children without an adequate diaper supply are often unable to enroll in early childhood classrooms or daycares that require a family to supply diapers, thus reducing a parent's ability to work.
- A history of abuse and neglect is common in children accessing special education services and foster care, in addition to adults held in a county, state and federal prison systems.

Ways to help...

- **Donate Diapers**
- **Host a Diaper Drive**
- **Support A Family Place**

*Contact us today for more information on any of these options!
Diaper banks are located in McMinnville & Newberg*

Did you know?

Despite the importance of access to diapers, families are unable to purchase them using government food subsidies.

The Relief Nursery Solution

Risk Factors

Poverty

Victims of Abuse as Children

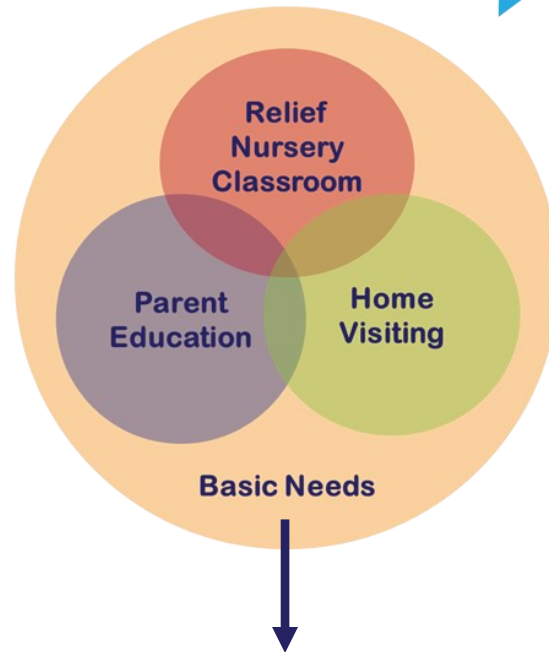
Domestic Violence

Depression

Lack of Support System

Teen Pregnancy

Parents or caregivers with these challenges can be especially vulnerable to the stress of parenting infants and young children.



Proven Outcomes

Independently evaluated outcomes of relief nursery involvement include:

98.6% of children had no subsequent involvement with Child Welfare

99% require no foster care

90% develop at age-appropriate levels

63% increase in parents reading to their children

Increased concentration, learning, empathy and social skills.



Basic Need services provided by A Family Place include:

- Emergency supplies of diapers
- Children & Maternity clothing
- Transportation to classes



Call 503-472-4020 ext. 218 to schedule a time for us to share more about relief nursery services with your organization!



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Sample Letter/Email

Subject: Diaper Drive (be creative for your audience)

[Insert Organization Name(s)] will be collecting diapers which will be distributed to families in our community by A Family Place, Relief Nursery of Yamhill County.

Our Diaper Drive will take place [insert date(s)]
Please drop off donated diapers at: [insert drop off location(s)]

All sizes are needed and welcome, however they are currently very low on size [insert size].

A Family Place is a nonprofit organization that helps stabilize families with children from birth to age 5 by providing specialized preschool classrooms, parent education and home visitation, in addition to free emergency diapers and children/maternity clothing.

Our participation will help families who are unable to provide an adequate supply of fresh diapers for their children and will go a long way to ensuring these babies get a healthier start in life.

On behalf of A Family Place and the families they serve, thank you!

****Attach 'Diaper Need_ AFP' for more information.**



****Please list the number of diapers in each package****

Pull-ups

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I would like to receive more information about A Family Place!

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Diaper Drive!

Dates:

Drop off Location(s):

Sponsoring Organization(s):



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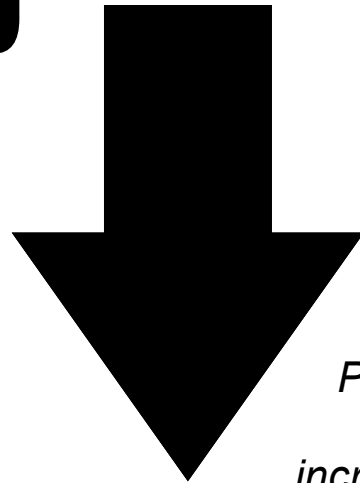


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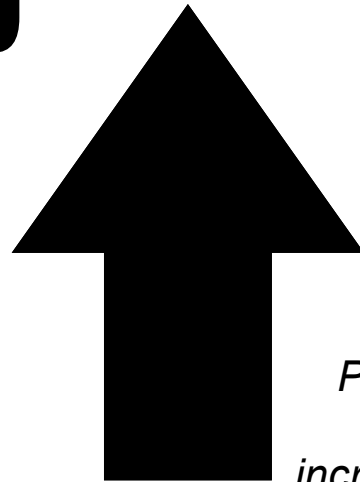
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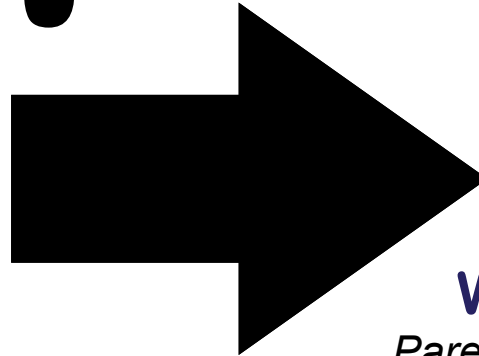
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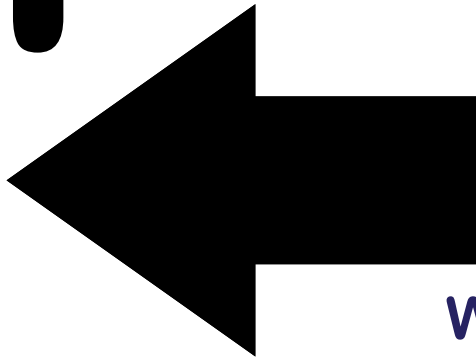
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