

# Helping Families Fill Their Diaper Needs in Erie County

#### WHAT IS THE DIAPER DEPOT?

The Erie Family Center is helping end the diaper need throughout Erie County. The program started by providing one week's worth of diapers for each child to anyone that needs them once per month, but due to the large demand, we immediately doubled the distribution amount to two weeks worth of diapers.



32%

48% delay diaper changing to stretch their supply.

32% reuse disposable diapers to stretch their supply

#### WHAT IS THE DIAPER NEED?

Diaper Need is the lack of a sufficient amount of diapers to keep a baby clean, dry, and healthy. This is a real problem in Erie County affecting 1 in 3 working families before COVID-19 and has significantly increased since the shut down of non-essential business and skyrocketing unemployment rates.

50,000

Diapers have been distributed FREE in Erie County

While diapers are a basic necessity, even prior to the COVID-19 pandemic one in three mothers reported struggling to provide enough diapers for her child.



The Erie Family Center is the only Diaper distribution organization associated with a nationally accredited program within a 100-mile radius - National Diaper Bank Network.





# Who is the Erie Family Center?

The Erie Family Center strengthens families and promotes the well-being of children through prevention, intervention, and education. We believe that "Parents are their child's first and most important teachers". Our variety of family support programs provide services through skilled staff, all in the comfort of your own home and at our family-friendly center. Most do not have eligibility requirements and are available to anyone within Erie County.

#### **Programs such as:**

- Parents as Teachers
- Motherhood Support Initiative
- · Fatherhood Support Initiative
- · The Incredible Years
- Co-Parenting Counseling
- Access and Visitation
- 1-2-3 Magic
- Fostering Families
- Foster Parent Closet

Learn more about our programs <u>here</u>.

# WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FREE DIAPERS?

We're here to help you provide the very best for your children. We distribute to any family in need regardless of income or family situation. Everyone needs help sometimes and this is an integral part of our program that differentiates us from any other diaper program offered in Erie. There are no income or location qualifications, the Diaper Depot program at the Erie Family Center is open to anyone that needs help in Erie County.

The Diaper Depot holds multiple distributions per month at various locations and times. **Schedules are posted Facebook**.

#### **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

Helping our community takes a village and there are many ways you can help the Diaper Depot such as donating diapers, hosting a diaper drive, make a monetary donation, or become a Community Partner.



# **Thank You** to our Community Funding Sources







Helping today... Shaping tomorrow.

If you would like to learn more about the Erie Family Center and about the Diaper Depot, please contact us today. Together, we can make a difference with families in Erie County.



Supporting families to GROW step by step.

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