DIAPER NEED IN NEW JERSEY
IN THIS PRESENTATION...

- What is Diaper Need?
- Impact of Diaper Need
- Diaper Need in New Jersey
- What Can Be Done?
DIAPER NEED

• Diaper need is the lack of a sufficient supply of diapers to keep a baby clean, dry, and healthy.

• It can lead to serious health problems for babies and emotional stress for their families.
Diapers are not covered by government assistance programs like SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) and WIC (Women, Infants, and Children).
IMPACT ON BABIES

- Health
- Abuse
- Early education and intervention
IMPACT ON PARENTS

- Mental Health
- Work
IMPOSSIBLE CHOICES

- Rent?
- Healthcare?
- Food?
- Diapers?
- Heat?
NJ STATISTICS

- 299,837 children under the age of 3
- 15% of infants and toddlers living at <100% of the FPL
- 31% of infants and toddlers living at <200% of the FPL
### 2023 Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia

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For families/households with more than 8 persons, add $5,140 for each additional person.
HOUSEHOLDS USING DIAPER BANKS

- 53% reported income less than $25,000.
- 97% reported income less than $50,000.
- 92% of families receiving diapers in New Jersey are working.
71% of families using childcare rely on childcare so an adult in their household can go to work.

1 in 10 families use childcare to allow an adult to attend school or a job training program.
ADDRESSING DIAPER NEED

- Diaper Banks
- Donations and Financial Support
- Advocating for Policy Changes
DIAPER BANKS IN NEW JERSEY

- Hillside – Community FoodBank of NJ.
- Lawrence Township – HomeFront Diaper Resource Center
- Montclair – Modestly Cover Diaper Bank of Essex County NJ.
- New Brunswick – Central Jersey Diaper Bank of AECDC, Inc.
- Paramus – Children’s Aid and Family Services, Inc.
- Trenton – The Maker’s Place
- Warren – Moms Helping Moms Foundation

nationaldiaperbanknetwork.org/member-directory
CONCLUSIONS

- Diaper need is a serious issue affecting families in NJ.
- Lack of access to diapers can lead to serious health problems for babies and emotional distress for families.
- Supporting organizations that provide diapers to families in need and advocating for policy changes can help address diaper need in NJ and improve the lives of families and babies.