



## **GOT DIAPERS?**

### **HELP FAMILIES IN NEED WITHIN YOUR OWN COMMUNITY HOW TO HOST A DIAPER DRIVE**

1. **LET US KNOW** Email your details(below) to the Western Pennsylvania Diaper Bank, [info@wpadiaperbank.org](mailto:info@wpadiaperbank.org), so we can promote your drive on our website.
2. **PICK A THEME** (optional) It can be simple, e.g., "Moms helping Moms," or more creative like "Stuff the Bus," where folks donate enough diapers to fill a school bus.
3. **SET GOALS** Develop a way to track your progress. Count the **NUMBER** of diapers a package contains (listed on box), not just the number of boxes. Provide the total when you deliver diapers to the Diaper Bank.
4. **SET A START & END DATE** Typically, diaper drives last for a week or a month. But any timeframe that is convenient for you is fine.
5. **CHOOSE A LOCATION** Pick one or more that are centrally located -- your own site or one in the community like a local library or a business willing to help. Be sure location is monitored and diapers are stored securely to avoid loss. You can deliver diapers before the end of your drive to the Diaper Bank if you collect more than you can store.
6. **RECRUIT VOLUNTEERS TO HELP**
7. **SPREAD THE WORD** Announce your diaper drive via social media, your web site, newsletters, and post notices within the community. A link to the flyer template the Western Pennsylvania Diaper Bank created is on the Diaper Drive page. If you make your own, we require that you include the Western Pennsylvania Diaper Bank logo and website in and on all related communications. We ask that news releases and contact with news media be coordinated through the Western Pennsylvania Diaper Bank. **NOTE:** Diaper sizes 4, 5 and 6 are the ones in most needed; other sizes accepted.
8. **SET UP TRANSPORTATION & DELIVER** Deliver the donated diapers to the Western Pennsylvania Diaper Bank. We are an all-volunteer organization so please call/email ahead to alert us: 412-373-3074 or [wpdb007@gmail.com](mailto:wpdb007@gmail.com). Generally the hours are Tuesdays from 4-8 pm at New Light Temple Baptist Church, 2546 Centre Ave., Pittsburgh 15219 (a short distance from Consol Energy Center) or Thursdays at 1 pm at the Diaper Bank's warehouse space, 400 N. Lexington Ave., Pittsburgh 15208 (enter through Healthy Start). Problem with delivery? Contact us.
9. **POST A RECAP** Via social media, your web sites or newsletters. Encourage others to host a drive!

### **LET'S CLOSE THE DIAPER GAP Government Subsidies Are Not Available, So Communities Across America Are Uniting In The Fight Against Diaper Need To Give A Voice To This Silent Crisis.**

**Diaper need means babies are kept in wet, dirty diapers for extended periods. They sometimes must wear diapers that have been cleaned out and put back on. As a result, they are more likely to experience signs of irritation and discomfort, cry more, and suffer from diaper rash.**