



## Bundled Blessings Diaper Bank

**Bundled Blessings Diaper Bank** provides diapers at no cost to families experiencing diaper need: the inability to provide a sufficient supply of diapers to keep a baby clean, dry, and healthy. According to [\*The NDBN Diaper Check 2023\*](#), 1 in 2 families struggles to afford diapers.

Families receiving diapers from **Bundled Blessings Diaper Bank** were interviewed as part of a larger, national study of the economic impact of diaper banks. The study found that when families receive diapers, **more families are able to work or attend school, health care spending is reduced, and children are healthier.**

### About the families we serve

FAMILIES SPEND, ON AVERAGE,  
**\$960-\$1,200**  
A YEAR ON DIAPERS PER CHILD

**1 in 3**  
FAMILIES USE  
CHILDCARE

**66%**  
OF FAMILIES REPORT INCOME  
< \$25,000

ADULTS ARE WORKING, ON AVERAGE,  
**33 HOURS**  
A WEEK

**78%**  
OF CHILDREN ARE COVERED BY  
MEDICAID

**75%**  
OF FAMILIES RECEIVING DIAPERS WORK

### Working families need diapers

The majority of families receiving diapers from **Bundled Blessings Diaper Bank** are working and still unable to afford an adequate supply of diapers. Additionally, 6% of adults are working 2 or more jobs.

### Bundled Blessings Diaper Bank is a trusted community resource

As a reliable source for diapers, **Bundled Blessings Diaper Bank** helps families access this basic need. Among families that connect with a diaper program, many (48%) expect that they will only need additional support for one year or less in the future.

**48%**  
OF FAMILIES RECEIVED DIAPERS ONE YEAR OR LESS

**60%**  
OF CHILDCARE PROVIDERS REQUIRED DIAPERS

### Diapers: True cost of childcare

In Illinois, the average expense for placing an infant in family (\$10,397) or center-based (\$14,560) care typically does not include the cost of diapers. Families are required to provide a full supply of diapers.

### Bundled Blessings Diaper Bank helps families achieve self-sufficiency

Diapers are necessary for childcare, which enables adults to work or achieve educational goals. As educational attainment rises, wages increase and unemployment rates fall.

**92%**  
OF FAMILIES USING CHILDCARE DEPEND ON IT FOR WORK OR SCHOOL

WITHOUT DIAPERS, FAMILIES COULD LOSE

**20**  
HOURS OF WORK EACH MONTH

### Diapers prevent wage loss

Families report that if they didn't receive diapers from **Bundled Blessings Diaper Bank** they could lose needed childcare and therefore have to work less hours. For an adult making \$15/hour in Illinois, lost earnings amount to \$3,600 a year.

### Bundled Blessings Diaper Bank positively impacts health care

Parents report that their children have fewer cases of diaper-related illnesses and health care visits after receiving diapers. The reduction in both represents significant savings to the health care system.

**DECREASE**  
IN HEALTH CARE SYSTEM COSTS TO TREAT DIAPER RELATED ILLNESSES

Source: The findings are based on 76 Bundled Blessings Diaper Bank recipients interviewed, as part of National Diaper Bank Network-funded research conducted in partnership with 65 U.S. diaper banks. For more information visit [nationaldiaperbanknetwork.org/EIS](https://nationaldiaperbanknetwork.org/EIS).

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