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**The Florida Association for Community Action is Awarded the Diaper Distribution Demonstration and Research Pilot Federal Grant**

Florida's Association for Community Action received a federal grant to help babies and families experiencing diaper need.

**October 2024** – The Florida Association for Community Action, Inc. (FACA) is proud to announce that it has been awarded its first federal grant of \$1.2 million from the Office of Community Services (OCS). This federal initiative, **Diaper Distribution Demonstration & Research Pilot** (DDDRP) launched by HHS Administration for Children and Families (ACF), is designed to address the root causes of diaper need and help families achieve economic self-sufficiency through diaper distribution combined with wraparound support services.

“The funds will be used to support FACA’s ongoing mission to unite and strengthen Florida’s poverty-fighting network, foster resilient communities, and expand opportunities for families in need.”, stated Nacole Guyton, Executive Director, FACA.

The Florida Diaper Distribution Demonstration and Research Pilot (FLDDDRP) project, which begins in October 2024, will enable FACA to collaborate with Miami Diaper Bank and other local partners to distribute a consistent supply of diapers to families in need, while also connecting them with critical services such as job training, housing assistance, early learning opportunities, and food and nutrition services just to name a few. By combining these essential resources, the program will tackle the economic stress that many caregivers face when choosing between basic necessities, ensuring that diaper need does not impede their ability to achieve stability and self-sufficiency.

"We are thrilled to be part of this transformative initiative," said Gabriela Rojas, Executive Director of the Miami Diaper Bank, the main partner of FACA in this effort. "This funding will allow us to directly address diaper need in Miami and Broward Counties Early Head Start programs, removing a significant barrier for families striving to achieve self-sufficiency."

"When families can't afford diapers, it affects everything from a child's physical health to the caregiver's emotional wellbeing," said HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra. "By providing funding for diaper needs, we are strengthening the overall health and economic security of the entire family."

The Diaper Distribution Demonstration and Research Pilot has already demonstrated the profound impact of reducing diaper need on economic stability, workforce participation, and the overall health and well-being of families. By strengthening Florida's poverty-fighting network, FACA and Miami Diaper Bank are poised to support even more families on the road to economic self-sufficiency.

[Here](#) is an infographic that provides a snapshot of the early impact from the first three DDDRP cohorts, showcasing how this program is addressing the critical issue of diaper need across various communities. You can learn more about this grant opportunity [here](#) and Florida's DDDRP project [here](#).

**About Florida Association for Community Action, Inc:** The Florida Association for Community Action (FACA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to uniting and empowering Florida's community action agencies. Through advocacy, education, and resource-sharing, FACA works to combat poverty and foster resilient communities, offering opportunities for economic self-sufficiency and improved quality of life.

**About Miami Diaper Bank:** Founded in 2013, the Miami Diaper Bank is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and first established diaper bank in Miami. The Miami Diaper Bank's mission is to collect and distribute diapers and other diaper related products to low-income families and their children, while also raising awareness about the need for diaper donations in the South Florida area. Miami Diaper Bank has donated over 10,000,000 diapers to over 170,000 babies since 2014 throughout 6 South Florida counties.

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