

The Facts

- 1 out of every 5 babies born in Kent County is born into poverty. A family must be 44% below the poverty line in MI to receive any cash assistance.
- Safety net programs, such as W.I.C. and food stamps, do NOT cover the costs of diapers.
- Most childcare centers do not accept cloth diapers, and parents must supply a steady stream of disposable diapers. Furthermore, many families have limited access to laundry facilities and many coin-op laundry facilities cannot allow cloth diapers for health reasons.
- An adequate supply of disposable diapers can cost up to \$75 per month.

The Impacts

- Many babies are often forced to spend the entire day or longer in a single diaper, because the family cannot afford to buy an adequate supply.
- Inadequate diaper changing increases the risk of numerous health problems.
- Studies show a baby crying from being in a soiled diaper for a prolonged period of time is at a greater risk of physical abuse by the caregiver.

**Want to make a
difference for a family
living in crisis?**

**Do it with
Diapers!**

