

Providing a Cloth Option to Families in Need

The **Idaho Diaper Bank** Cloth Diaper Collection Program is a program designed to give low income families access to cloth diapers at no cost to them. The **IDB** continues to be a proponent of offering as many choices as possible to families to help them meet their most basic needs. While cloth diapers are not practical for many families, we do know that for some families, cloth diapers – used exclusively, or in combination with disposables, can be a viable, cost effective option.

Cloth diapers have come a long way in the last couple of decades, and most modern cloth diapers function very similarly to disposable diapers. However, up-front costs for cloth diapers are a big barrier for families as these costs can easily be **\$200-500** or more, making it difficult for low-income families to invest in them. Yet, once a family has the initial supply, cloth diapers can save money over the long term.

Not all families are easily able to cloth diaper their babies, including those without easy access to a washing machine. **The IDB Cloth Diaper Collection Program** is simply another choice for families to access as they strive to meet the basic needs of their families. This program does not, in any way, affect the **IDB'S** ongoing commitment to provide disposable diapers to families in need.

How the Cloth Collection Program Works

The **IDB** relies on the community to donate new and used cloth diapers, sew cloth diapers from up-cycled cotton materials, and raise dollars for the **IDB** to make cloth diaper and sewing supply purchases. The **IDB** is in charge of collecting, sorting, repairing, and professionally cleaning and sanitizing cloth diaper donations in preparation to be distributed.

We distribute the cloth diapering kits to participating **IDB** partner recipient agencies located throughout the state, including churches, food pantries, early child education centers, and family justice centers, for example.

Individuals in need of diapers are referred to our list of partners where they can apply to receive a **Cloth Diapering Kit free of charge** with enough changes to meet their child's basic needs. The **IDB** does not distribute diapers directly to individuals.

As a 501 (c) (3) non-profit, all donations to the Idaho Diaper Bank are tax deductible!

While the **IDB** has always accepted donations of cloth diapers, this **IDB Cloth Diaper Collection** is a brand new, comprehensive program to proactively collect, stock and prepare cloth diapers to be distributed, as well as provide educational information to families interested in learning more about cloth diapering options. We anticipate beginning our distribution of cloth diapering kits by **July 1st, 2016**



How You Can Help the IDB Cloth Diaper Collection Effort

Donate Cloth Diapers
new/used/needng minor repairs

Donate old t-shirts and cotton material
to sew into diapers
Host a cloth diaper/t-shirt collection drive

Make a monetary donation

Volunteer to help
Volunteer to help sew or repair cloth
diaper donations



Monetary donations may be mailed to:

Idaho Diaper Bank
PO Box #914, Boise ID 83701
Email: info@idahodiaperbank.org

You can specify your donation directed to
the General Purposes of the IDB or
to the Cloth Collection Program.

**Contact us to schedule in-kind donations or
pick-ups of disposable or cloth diapers, or to
volunteer.**

**Online donations can be made at
www.idahodiaperbank.org**