



Healthy Start  
in Marion County

A proven child abuse prevention program offering voluntary screening and information for first time parents; and support and parenting education through weekly home visits for families at risk.

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## Healthy Start Diaper Drive Is Underway

**May 20, 2009, Salem, OR.....Many parents in Marion County must choose between diapers and food. Diapers for one newborn can cost up to \$100 per month. For a single parent earning only minimum wage, the cost can be unaffordable. Food stamps do not cover diapers for low income families.**

The Healthy Start Diaper Drive, **Diaper a Dozen**, is providing an opportunity for anyone to help make a baby healthy and happy with the simple gift of a package of diapers. The drive began on Mothers Day and will continue through Fathers Day, June 21.

Churches and organizations are invited to participate by placing a collection box in a convenient location for members to drop off diapers. A flyer for the collection box and other materials and information can be downloaded at <http://ccswv.org/DiaperADozen.html>.

At the end of the drive, organizations are invited to bring the diapers collected to Healthy Start or call to have them picked up. To sign up a church or organization for the drive, email [HSDiaperADozen@ccswv.org](mailto:HSDiaperADozen@ccswv.org) or call 503-856-7002.

To contribute diapers, individuals may drop them in collection barrels at various locations including: Catholic Community Services main lobby, 3737 Portland Road NE in Salem. For additional drop off locations, call 503-856-7002 or click on <http://ccswv.org/DiaperADozen.html>.

Healthy Start promotes positive parenting and healthy growth and development for parents and their first-born children with free parenting information, connections to resources, and home visits.

The **Diaper a Dozen** drive is sponsored by the Healthy Start Advisory Committee of the Marion County Children and Families Commission.

Healthy Start in Marion County is administered by Catholic Community Services in partnership with Willamette Education Service District. The program is funded through the Marion County Children & Families Commission and private donations. For more information: <http://ccswv.org/healthystart.html> or 503-856-7002.

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