

# Bearcat Pantry's Family First Program

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# Family First

- **Who does this program serve:** UC students (and staff) with young children
- **What does the program provide:** Diapers and pull ups, formula, bottles, bibs, clothes, toys, and other child-related items
- **Mission/Description:** Many students at UC have family needs and other obligations outside of school that can present obstacles in their learning careers. The Family First Program aims to eliminate the barriers specifically related to accessing diapers and other childcare items for UC community members with children in their families.



# Community Partner Team and Lessons Learned

**Daniel Cummins- Associate Dean of Students**

**Joy Kostansek- Program Coordinator**

**Taylor Allgood- Graduate Assistant**

Lessons Learned In Community Service and Advocacy

- Be ever adapting to the needs of your community
- Don't be discouraged if things don't go according to plan



# Project Background

- My project with the Family First Program ended up becoming an amalgamation of smaller tasks to help the initiative run more smoothly and support the volunteers already running it while learning more about the struggles of parenting students and their needs.
- **Inventory Tracking Data Sheet**
- **Diaper Organization**
- **SDOH Survey**
- **Student Interviews**



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2	12/12/2023 15:23:12						-41		
3	12/12/2023 15:24:05					-124			
4	12/12/2023 15:51:45							-108	
5	12/12/2023 15:58:43	-104							
6	12/13/2023 22:21:02						-82	-108	
7	12/14/2023 15:34:31	-104							
8	12/14/2023 15:34:39								
9	12/14/2023 21:49:22						-99		
10	12/15/2023 12:08:04					-100			
11	12/15/2023 12:32:17						-82		
12	12/15/2023 12:32:25						-82		
13	12/16/2023 14:24:26								
14	12/19/2023 15:11:20								
15	12/21/2023 15:35:37								
16	12/21/2023 15:35:54								
17	1/16/2024 13:48:03								
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Responses Totals

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1	Size	Quantity in Stock		Updated As Of:								
2	Newborn	815		1/26/24								
3	Size 1	938										
4	Size 2	1,471										
5	Size 3	1,614										
6	Size 4	786										
7	Size 5	313	need to recount									
8	Size 6	216	need to recount									
9	2T/3T	0										
10	3T/4T	908	need to recount									
11	4T/5T	300+	need to recount									
12												
13	Wipes Total	76										
14	90 count		need to recount									
15	64 count		need to recount									
16	56 count		need to recount									
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Responses Totals



# Family First Initiative, Social Determinants of Health Survey

2023-2024

This survey was created to assess the needs of parenting students at the University of Cincinnati so that the Bearcat Pantry and Family First Program could better address the unique challenges parents at UC face and connect all affected students and staff to appropriate community resources.

9. On a scale from 1-5, 1 being no difficulty to 5 being extreme difficulty, how difficult is it for your family to find a place to stay, feel safe at home, or pay rent/mortgage? (0 point)

[More Details](#)

1	2
2	3
3	1
4	0
5	0



10. On a scale from 1-5, 1 being no difficulty to 5 being extreme difficulty, how difficult is it for your family to find or afford childcare? (0 point)

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1	0
2	1
3	2
4	0
5	3



13. On a scale from 1-5, 1 being no difficulty to 5 being extreme difficulty, how difficult is it for your family to obtain social support or find community? (0 point)

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1	1
2	1
3	2
4	1
5	1



# Student Interviews

- Tell Me About Yourself and your academic journey.
- Tell Me about your Family.
- How does your family influence your academics and vice versa?
- What about the college experience feels difficult for students with young children?
- What would make you and your family feel most supported at this moment?
- What are your plans for the future?



# Student Interviews

## Common Themes from Interviews

- Family source of inspiration and highly demanding all at once
- Winding academic journeys
- In need of/ recognizes importance of community
- Financial Strain

## Important Points

- First gen college student/immigrant
- Domestic Violence
- Child with ASD
- Various majors and educational levels



# Student Interviews

## Quotes

- " My community is there for me, and makes me feel like I'm not all alone"
- " Approach is everything, just because I don't have a lot of money, doesn't mean I'm stupid"
- " The system won't help me because I don't fit the description of the people it was made to help"



# Summary of Project

- Inventory tracking improved
- Surveys/Student interviews were key but needed more participation
- SDOH survey showed need for affordable childcare and community
- April 12<sup>th</sup> Spring Social Event!



# Thank You!

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