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Jessica Hale, Ph.D.
Program Evaluator
Division of Community Discretionary and Demonstration Programs
U.S. DHHS, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services

Dear Ms. Jessica Hale:

The Virginia Community Action Partnership (VACAP) commends the Office of Community Services (OCS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for working with Community Action in ensuring the Diaper Distribution Demonstration and Research Pilot is implemented in way to get proven results for those in poverty. VACAP is one of the grantees from Cohort 1, implementing the DDDRP. We have dispersed over 200,000 diapers in the program and served over 200 families with consistent diaper distribution in addition to wrap-around services and are committed to robust data collection to inform policymakers and our funders of the impact the program has had on our clients.

VACAP does recommend that the following comments be considered for the updated Beneficiary Enrollment Survey (BES):

- Number 11 on BES survey: Requesting the survey ask for date of birth instead of “how old are you?” to ensure no room for error.
- Number 19 on BES survey: There are concerns with this number (number of people in the household) changing from individual agency’s intake form and could affect the formal intake process for other wrap-around services.
- Number 21: Requesting the question be reworded to ask: “Are you working full time or two part time jobs?” This may help participants to answer this question better to produce more robust data points.

VACAP is in support of the DDDRP program and ready to implement any needed changes to ensure the successful evaluation of the program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erik C. Johnston".

Erik. C. Johnston
President and CEO
Virginia Community Action Partnership