



## Athens Area Diaper Bank

Submitted by Angela Gary, Foothills Regional Public Relations Coordinator

Foothills Education Charter High School is partnering with the Athens Area Diaper Bank and providing a monthly supply of diapers for our students who have babies. The diaper bank service delivery area includes Barrow, Clarke, Jackson, Madison and Oglethorpe.

**Dawn Meyers, the Regional Student Services Specialist for Foothills**, first presented the idea for the partnership after attending a United Way of Northeast Georgia event where the board members sorted diapers.



*Barrow-Russell student Haley Holman is shown with her son, Ryder, 5 months old. Haley has been a recipient of the diaper program and says it has been very helpful to her family.*

The Diaper Bank is a grant recipient/partner of the United Way and has received funds through its Community Impact Grant.

“I attended a United Way board Volunteer Day at the Athens Area Diaper Bank,” Meyers states. “We sorted diapers and it was a fun team-building activity for the board.”

As Meyers learned more about the program, she thought about Foothills being a partner with the Diaper Bank.

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## Message from the Superintendent

This month’s issue of the Curriculum Assessment & Instruction Newsletter goes behind the scenes, so to speak, to look at what I like to call the “infrastructure” concerns that Foothills builds and adjusts every day to allow our students—and all of us—to continue to find great success.

The Diaper Bank is a program that serves the wider community, and also alleviates one major area of financial and personal stress for our students who are taking care of their own children. This is part of our “wraparound” approach to supporting our young folks.

The Student Data Summary Dashboard, developed by Josh Purcell, also provides great background support, providing current and comprehensive data that provide a detailed look at each of our students and at the overall progress at each site—we all need to use it.

Both of these areas of support help us continue to make Foothills great! —**Sherrie**

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# Student Data Summary Dashboard

Submitted by Josh Purcell, Foothills Regional Student Services Data Coordinator

## **Information Transformation:**

### **Data into Information, Information into Insight.**

Foothills continually strives to meet student needs. One of the more recent tools available is the Student Data Summary Dashboard (SDSD). By tracking multiple data points over the most recent four weeks and combining them in intuitive ways, this tool is designed to help staff identify and address student needs more efficiently so that they can spend more time where it matters most - working *with* students.

Each site has an SDSD specific to their their student enrollment. It is designed to provide a “big picture” and “detailed view” of data for the site so that decision makers can feel more informed about what is happening currently for the site as a whole and for students as individuals.

The SDSD helps sites to organize and group students based on several criteria, ranging from the student’s cumulative progress in all current courses, confirming recent engagement, and measuring the amount of contacts made to ensure Foothills is continuously building relationships. The SDSD also identifies the course in which a student is spending the most time working, helping to identify potential student interests or possible difficulty in a particular course.

The detailed view of the SDSD provides insight into specifics about each course in which a student is currently enrolled and describes the types of contacts made pertaining to the student.

It can become easy for both staff and students to become overwhelmed when confronted with too much data. The goal of the SDSD is to destress the process by simplifying the data so that informed action can be taken to help students experience success.

### **Student Data Dashboard Features**

- 1) Summarizes Data for the Last 28 Days
- 2) Cumulative **Number** of Completed Activities Across All Courses
  - a) Activities are Composed of Quizzes, Tests, or Other Graded Activities
- 3) Cumulative **Percentage** of Course Completion Across All Courses
- 4) Most Recent Day Active
- 5) Number of Total Contacts
- 6) Identifies Course that each Student is Spending the most time completing.
- 7) Helps to Staff to Identify & Focus on Students not Making Adequate Progress
- 8) Is Customizable to Address Site Priorities



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She partnered with **Stephanie Byrd, social worker at the Barrow-Russell site**, to implement the program.

“Stephanie has a keen interest in teen parents and has done a lot to support them in her role as a Foothills social worker, Myers shares. “She helped to put together the first application to become a partner agency of the Diaper Bank.”



To date, five counties have qualified for this service, and six Foothills sites have received donations: Clarke, Barrow-Russell, Barrow-Sims, Jackson, Madison, and Oglethorpe. A total of 2,625 have been diapers given out from September through December.

Each month, the social workers at those sites survey their students to find out who is in need of diapers. When the diapers are ready, **courier Antress Witts**, picks up all of the orders at the Diaper Bank warehouse and delivers them to the sites as she makes her regular Foothills deliveries.

“There is research that exists about diaper insecurity and the negative impact on school attendance,” Meyers states. “By partnering with the Diaper Bank and providing diapers to our Foothills students in need, we are removing a barrier to school attendance for some of our hardest working students—those who are young parents.”

**Barrow-Russell student Haley Holman** says the diapers she has received have been very helpful. “The diapers I get at Foothills help a lot because my boyfriend and I live alone together in our own place and we are very young,” she said. “We struggle a lot because of bills. We pay our bills weekly and are often very broke and often don't have enough money to buy diapers.”

She adds, “To get the diapers from Foothills does reduce my stress to know I have an extra supply of diapers in case I run out. It's inspiring to me that my school does this for me (provides diapers). It makes me feel like no one is judging me because I am a young mom and it motivates me to try to finish earning my high school diploma.”

Haley is excited about graduating from Foothills. “I would be the first kid to graduate in my family if I can make it and I want to set a good example for my son, Ryder,” she said.

Foothills will be holding a diaper drive to donate diapers to the Diaper Bank in 2023.



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