



A Baby...

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Thank you for republishing the Washington Post article “Finnish baby boxes winning converts here” (May 18, Page C3). This well-written piece included great information, but for our local families there is so much more to know!

A Baby Center is a program of the Cape Cod Council of Churches, a local nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. We have been serving the Cape and Islands by providing diapers, wipes, formula and baby essentials to families in crisis for 17 years. We are the Cape region’s diaper bank.

On April 10 we were proud to launch The Baby Box program here in an effort to reduce the rate of sudden infant death syndrome, or SIDS, on Cape Cod and the Islands and to provide a safe sleep space for babies. The magic is not only in the box itself, but also in the support that surrounds this vital global initiative. The hands-on education tool Baby Box University allows local professionals to impart important health and wellness information to families in a comfortable, concise manner.

A Baby Center’s director personally interviewed Cape Cod obstetric, pediatric and other medical professionals for videos that were compiled to create our “A Baby Center — Cape Cod Syllabus.” The syllabus includes such topics as proper use of the baby box, SIDS, postpartum depression, lactation, prenatal health risks, substance abuse, recovery and childbirth, choking and so much more.

A Baby Center is the sole distributor of the baby box on the Cape and Islands at our convenient location, 81 Willow Ave. in Hyannis, across the street from Centerville Cleaners.

Regardless of financial qualifications, families may enroll for the program while in the hospital after childbirth, or from home before their baby is born, or at our center.

A Baby Center also offers to those who have babies up to age 3 and who qualify financially for the federal Women, Infants and Children program monthly visits for a package of diapers, wipes, formula and gently used baby clothes and baby gear available as donated by our community.

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More information is available at 508-771-8157 or on our website,
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