

Period Poverty in Wilmington

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What is period poverty?

11% of women and girls in Delaware live in poverty - supplies are not covered by food assistant programs or government assistance programs intended to reduce poverty

1 in 5 girls has skipped school because she cannot access period supplies

Lack of access to supplies often means that someone uses unsafe supplies - rags, plastic bags, newspapers

During the pandemic, more women have reported shoplifting menstrual products

What is being done in Delaware?

Junior League of Wilmington's [Stand Up Period](#) Campaign

[HB20](#), which will provide period supplies in all Delaware schools, ages 6-12

New Castle County Libraries are working to provide supplies in their toilets for the local community

What needs to be done in Wilmington?

Still areas that aren't being reached - not everyone in Wilmington has access to schools or libraries

COVID19 has increased food and supplies instability throughout Wilmington (and the world)

Brainstorm - what are communities without access?

Any questions?

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