In California, 1 in 6 women and girls between the age of 12 and 44 lives below the Federal Poverty Line.

**California Menstruators Need Period Supplies**

- **8,814,287** women and girls between the ages 12 to 44 live in California. Of those, **1 in 6** live below the Federal Poverty Line (FPL).
- **1,418,777** women and girls between the ages 12 to 44 live below 100% of the FPL. Almost 60% of families living in poverty experience financial distress and struggle to keep up with their bills and cover unexpected expenses.
- **2,468,607** women between the ages 12 to 44 receive health coverage through Medicaid, Medical Assistance, or other government-assistance plan. While providing financial protection for healthcare needs, individuals still struggle to access the material basic necessities they require to thrive.
- **253,932** women participate in the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program. Participants of the WIC program receive nutritious food. However, those living below 185% FPL face challenges meeting other material basic necessities.

**Period Supplies Help Students Stay in School**

- 1 in 4 teens in the US has missed class due to lack of access to period supplies. In California, **69%** of female students in public school grades 7 to 12 attend Title I Eligible schools.

**Period Supplies Are Necessities, Not Luxuries**

- Sales taxes on period supplies place an unequal burden on individuals who menstruate.
- **30** states tax period supplies.
- In California, period supplies **are not** taxed.

**California’s 7 Allied Programs Distributed more than**

- **172,256** pads and tampons*
- **57,015** liners*
- **43,064** worry-free days**

* 2020 Figures
** Number of days Allied Programs provided menstruators with the recommended daily supply of period products in 2020.

Alliance for Period Supplies raises national awareness of period poverty and supports the development and expansion of period supply programs in communities throughout the country.
1 in 4 Women Struggles to Purchase Period Products Due to a Lack of Income.

Alliance for Period Supplies works throughout the US to ensure that individuals in need have access to the essential period products they require to participate fully in daily life. Our Allied Programs nationwide collect, warehouse, and distribute menstrual products in local communities.

- **The Impact of COVID-19 on Women**
  - Over 2.3 million women dropped out of the labor force since the crisis, with Black women's unemployment rate peaking at 16.6% in 2020.

- **Women Missing Work & School**
  - 1 in 5 low-income women reports missing work, school or similar commitments due to lack of access to period supplies.

- **Distributing Donated Product**
  - Allied Programs distributed 13.9 million+ pads and tampons & 3.9 million+ liners in 2020.

- **Improving Lives**
  - Period supplies from Allied Programs provided 3.5 million+ worry-free days & 3.9 million+ confident days in 2020.

- **70 Million**
  - women and girls between the ages 12 to 44 live in the United States. Of those, 1 in 6 lives below the Federal Poverty Line (FPL).

- **11.6 Million**
  - women and girls between the ages 12 to 44 live below 100% of the FPL. Almost 60% of families living in poverty experience financial distress and struggle to keep up with their bills and cover unexpected expenses.

- **15.1 Million**
  - women and girls between the ages 12 to 44 receive health coverage through Medicaid, Medical Assistance, or other government-assistance plan. While providing financial protection for healthcare needs, individuals still struggle to access the material basic necessities they require to thrive.

- **1.8 Million**
  - women participate in the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program. Participants of the WIC program receive nutritious food. However, those living below 185% FPL face challenges meeting other material basic necessities.

100+ Allied Programs Distribute **17.8 Million+** Period Supplies Annually and Serve **97,000+** Women and Girls Monthly

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