

Child Abuse Assessment Team

Healing – Justice - Hope

Quilts & Stuffed Animals Needed!

The Child Abuse Assessment Team (CAAT) sees children — from infants to 18-year-olds — who are, or are suspected to be, victims of physical or sexual abuse or neglect. They are referred by ER's, doctors, the foster care system, courts and DSHS (the Department of Social and Health Services). All the cases in four Southwest Washington counties, about 300 a year, are referred to CAAT, located at Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital. The CAAT is headed by Dr. Kimberly Copeland, who attends every child. Her compassion, skill and effective advocacy in court make a big difference in their lives.

More information here: <http://www.legacyhealth.org/health-services-and-information/health-services/for-children-a-z/child-abuse-assessment/child-abuse-assessment-team.aspx>

YOU CAN HELP provide a new handmade quilt and stuffed animal for each child. These play an important role during the assessment and are taken home on the journey of healing. Stuffed toys should have arms and legs or four legs to help children describe their experiences. Quilts can be about 3'x4' in all types of themes for infants, grade-schoolers, and teens – boy and girl.

Bring to *Babies In Need*, 2206 NW 99th Street, Vancouver, WA 98665
or, mail to *Babies In Need*, PO Box 65825, Vancouver, WA 98665

Thank you!