

Protecting Families

Imagine it is only a few days before Christmas, and as a Children Services caseworker, you respond to a call for help. It's after office hours and the only tools you have to assess the current situation is a tablet and pen. You are faced with assessing a decision that will impact you, the parents and children for the rest of their lives. You begin to wish, "If only I had a



digital camera so my supervisor and the court could see what I see... or a computer to immediately and accurately input all the information required to make an accurate assessment...or maybe I would be able to link the family with the most appropriate community resources and there would be no need to separate anyone.

Assessing immediate needs for safety and intervention requires up-to-date and accurate documentation, observation and presentation of the most critical data. Modern technology does more than save time, it can help save families.



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Child Protection Field Kit



Protecting *OUR* Future

Across the United States, child abuse and neglect continues to rise. In fact, from 2002-2003, Fairfield County Children Services saw a 24% increase in the number of referrals they received.

Despite this tragic increase in the already chaotic lives of these children, funding to assist the most needy has remained stagnant.

Even with a remarkably talented staff who



“Will you help?”

many caseworkers find themselves making life altering decisions with outdated, insufficient equipment.

Current and up-to-date equipment will provide Fairfield County Child Welfare Staff the ability to obtain clear, accurate and timely documentation and pictures. These aides will also offer a functional and streamlined assessment allowing workers to concentrate efforts on preventive measures.

Making a Difference in the Life of a Child

By making a **TAX DEDUCTIBLE** donation in the form of equipment, or by check, you will be contributing to the future security and safety of Fairfield County's most vulnerable population—children who are at risk or victims of abuse or neglect.

Your generous donation toward updated technological tools will enhance the vital decision-making process entrusted to Children Services caseworkers on a daily basis.

Your donation will be valued for years to come—by Children Services staff and, more importantly, as demonstrated by the safe and secure lives of children.

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Needed Equipment

Alcohol Breathalyzer

-AlcoMate (CA2000)

\$90.00



Equipment Carrying Case

-Brenthaven Apple case

\$124.00



Hand Held Tape Recorder

-Panasonic Standard Cassette Desktop

\$150.00



Digital Camera

-Cannon Digital Video Camera

\$479.00



Laptop Computer

-Apple PowerBook G4
-Microsoft Office X

\$2,100.00



Total for 1 Child Protection Kit

\$2,943.00

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