



What Professionals have to say...

Our unit had an 8 wk old who would not be going home with his parents. During his stay, I gave him a Taggies teddy bear and blanket. He left with these items and it was comforting for myself and the nursing staff to know that the bear and blanket are something that he will have forever; keeping us connected to him.

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One of the small blankets made a great prize for a 9yr. girl who was blind and had developmental delays. She was not interested in the balloons we usually offer as a 'prize' after a blood draw, nor did she have interest in the treasure box items. Her Mom was so appreciative that we were able to offer a prize that was appropriate for her daughter's abilities and her age!

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By they way, I have a Ph.D. in child development and when I had my first child a year and a half ago, I went looking for a safe, washable self-soothing object for my daughter to have when she went to sleep. Her Taggies has been absolutely perfect for that! No matter where we put her to sleep now whether it is at home or in a new place, the Taggies brings her comfort and makes her feel safe. And she just loves it! Her little face lights up when I give her the Taggies at bedtime. Plus it helps her get back to sleep in the middle of the night when she wakes up. When she first went into daycare at 19 months, I bought her a new Taggies with her name on it and it definitely helped with her transition there as well at naptimes.

I highly, highly recommend Taggies!

Lisa

Minnesota

I just finished working an urgent care shift tonight and a mom brought in a Taggies with her son who I saw for an ear infection. He was mesmerized by this thing! And so was I! What a great idea! My wife just had her third baby 10 weeks ago, and I made sure to write down your website address! I'm thinking of buying one for our new son Jacob. How exciting! You have my full support!! I know you're way out in Mass. but it would be great to have you come talk to my residents and medical students!

Timothy

California

For Mahler, the value of the Transitional Object lies in its ability to allow the infant to move away from the mother physically and hold on to a part of her at the same time. The child thus remains symbolically related to the Mother while physically and psychically separate from her.

Mahler, M., 1972.

...children who insisted on having a specific soft object present at bedtime and other times of stress have been found to have fewer sleep disturbances, to be more independent and to be generally easier to manage than children who did not insist on such objects.

Boniface and Graham 1979; Mahalski 1983.

Object-attached children have also been found to be self-confident, outgoing in relation to adults, openly affectionate toward their mothers, and less likely to manifest tension habits under stress.

Newsom, Newsom and Mahalski 1982.

...Studies have shown that children who are attached to security blankets are securely attached to their mothers and psychologically healthy, says Dr. Julie Lumeng, of the University of Michigan's Center for Human Growth and Development in Ann Arbor, Mich. The same studies show that when these children are in stressful or new situations – for example a new playgroup, preschool, going to the doctor's office, a babysitter – that if they have a security blanket they are much better able to keep themselves calm than children who do not have such an object. These children are actually better able to socialize, to learn and to regulate their emotions when they have a security blanket.

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