

Kids and Moving

- Familiarize your children with their new home, neighborhood and school as much as possible prior to the move. Emphasize all the parks, playgrounds and fun features to which they will have access. (Now it's your turn to be the Realtor!)
- If you are moving a long distance, you should detach your children from their friends as gently as possible. Throw a good-bye party and distribute your new address to the other kids' parents so that they can correspond.
- Let your children pack and decorate a special box of their own.
- During the move, make it as fun as possible by sightseeing along the way, taking pictures and buying souvenirs.
- After the move, plan special activities that celebrate your new home and neighborhood, e.g., taking them to their favorite restaurants, throwing a house-warming party, starting a scrapbook called *Our New Home*, etc.
- Encourage your children to write letters to their old friends, but at the same time encourage them to invite new friends over.
- Enroll your kids in the same sports, clubs and activities that they were involved in before the move.

Young children can be very reluctant to move.

Their whole lives might have been spent in the house you've lived in for only a few years.

Make the move as easy as possible for them.

These are just a couple of ideas on how to make this event less stressful. Feel free to call if you would like to receive additional information on how to make this transition easier for you and your family.