



The Talon Group

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MOVING WITH TEENS AND PRE-TEENS

Moving can be hard on young adolescents and teenagers because, as you well know, at this age friends are vitally important. Moving does not have to mean the loss of such friendships. Talk to your teen about ways they can stay in touch with close friends. Fitting in is also a big concern for this age group. Many may worry about what kids are like where they're moving and who will be their new friends. Don't



underestimate the power of listening and patience. It may not be easy but try to give your teen space and time to come around to the idea.

Young people at this age are often inching outside the bounds of family and moving is a powerful reminder that your pre-teen or teen is not yet in charge of their own destiny. It is important that your kids feel they are understood and respected.



TELLING TEENS AND PRE-TEENS ABOUT THE MOVE

- Tell your teen or pre-teen about the move *immediately*.
 - Be able to "sell" the new community to your teen.
- Be straightforward about why you are moving to a new place.
 - Share what will happen next with your teenager.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Your teenager may try to talk you out of moving or may insist on staying behind to live with a relative or friend. Some experts recommend investigating these possibilities if your teenager is a senior in high school and especially if you are moving mid-year. Otherwise, be firm, state and restate the family moves together and stays together.

Remember that the unknown increases anxiety. Together with your teen, find out as much as you can about the new community, school, social activities and groups your child might join once you've moved.



MOVING TIPS FOR TEENS

- Keep a journal.
- Update your address book.
- Research your new community and school.
- Make a last visit to your favorite places.
 - Plan your new bedroom.



HELPFUL ADVICE FROM PARENTS WHO HAVE BEEN THERE

- Help your child find community or school programs they will be interested in.
- Visit the new school, let your teen see that students there are not that different.
 - Keep your kids in the loop on important moving information.
 - Don't underestimate the power of patience!