IF OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE ... WHY AREN’T WE INVESTING IN THEIRS?

ON AVERAGE THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 1,200 CHILDREN PLACED INTO FOSTER HOMES EACH MONTH, IN ALASKA. These children most often arrive traumatized and scared, with little or nothing to call their own. YOU CAN HELP this transition by donating a starter kit for a child in your area.

WHAT SHOULD GO INTO A STARTER KIT?

First, think about your age group (starter kits are needed for children of all these age groups). It helps to put this label on the outside of the bag or backpack with your targeted age group:

- BIRTH - 5 YEARS
- 6 - 11 YEARS
- 11 - 18 YEARS

THINK ABOUT WHAT A CHILD MIGHT NEED TO HELP THEM GET THROUGH THE FIRST COUPLE DAYS

Suggestions include (new items):

- TOOTH BRUSHES AND TOOTHPASTE
- BOOK, JOURNAL AND PENCILS OR PENS
- PILLOW CASE
- STUFFED ANIMALS
- HAIRBRUSH, COMB
- SHAMPOO, CONDITIONER
- AGE APPROPRIATE TOY OR GAME
- TEE SHIRTS, PAJAMAS, ONESIES, SOCKS
- BACK PACK OR CLOTH BAG TO HOLD ITEMS

Contact your local Office of Children’s Services office or a member of the Resource Family Advisory Board for further information or information about where to drop off items. AND THANKS! YOU’VE HELPED MAKE THAT FIRST WEEK JUST A LITTLE BIT EASIER.