

Moving...A Tough Thing for Kids to Face

Constant moving can have a damaging effect on families, especially on young children. People who are involved in the military are much more susceptible to constant moving, and this can have a damaging effect on the children in the family. Imagine being seven or eight years old and having already attended three or four different schools. Many children have had this experience.

Kids who only move once or twice during their childhood may not be effected negatively. These children may even find moving to be exciting; it is a chance to start over, make new friends, and maybe even change yourself. However, children who are forced to move around several times per year can have serious problems in the future. These children may feel like they are not in control or as though no one cares what they want. What if they do not want to move? They are basically forced to and this can hurt them later in life.

Kids from families that move a lot can have both social and academic problems at school. These children may have a hard time making and keeping friends. I know that I have a few close friends that I have known since elementary school. These children do not have that luxury. They are forced to make new friends every time they move, and usually lose touch with friends from their previous home. These children can also fall behinds academically very quickly. School districts frequently have different curriculums, meaning that a child can easily fall behind due to gaps in his or her educations.

Moving can be difficult for not only the families who move, but the people around them as well. While these children have a difficult time reintegrating into school settings several times in their school careers, teachers frequently have a difficult time integrating new students into their classes, as well. Parents also face challenges, such as finding new childcare, after school activities, etc.

Moving is hard on everyone, especially children of military families. The children, teachers, and parents are the ones most directly affected by the moving. It has to be really hard to readjust at any time in life, let alone every year or two as a kid.

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