

7 Don't Hover

A little extra support during this time is reassuring, but don't hover. Give them space to make their own way, and the freedom to meet new friends. This is necessary if they are to establish themselves in their new surroundings. Try not to obsess over every new acquaintance. Remember that nobody likes to be micromanaged. Trust your teen's judgment, and hold them accountable if they make a mistake.

Legal Reminder:

If your teen's other parent is not making the move with you, make sure you have all the paperwork in order.

This is especially important in an international move. You will have to show proof of child custody and the other parent's consent to taking the child out of the country. Look into immigration and customs requirements in advance so that you are prepared.



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RELOCATING YOUR TEEN



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Relocating Your Teen: 7 Tips for a Drama-Free Move

Moves are often hardest on teenagers, as they tend to be more settled in their lives and dependant on their social circle.

The thought of starting anew somewhere else may be intimidating. They may worry about meeting new friends, leaving behind old ones, making sports teams in their new school or finding similar social clubs. If they are in high school, they may express disappointment over not being able to attend prom or graduate with their friends.

While you may not be able to ease all their fears, there are some things you can do to make the transition easier on them.

1 Acknowledge Their Sacrifice

To understand the sacrifices your teen will be making, try putting yourself in their shoes. Think about the friends that will be left behind, and the goals they've been working toward, such as sports or student government, that will be abandoned. Acknowledge and appreciate these sacrifices, and try to make allowances for them in your relocation plans. For example, if an important tournament is coming up, try to put the move off or make arrangements to return for it.

2 Have an Open Discussion

Talk to your teen and listen to their worries and fears. Let them know that you understand the sacrifices they are making, and that you will do whatever you can to make things easier for them. Respond to worries honestly, but remain reassuring and optimistic.

3 Facilitate Long Distance Relationships

In the age of cell phones, texting, and social media, long distance relationships are no longer hard to foster. Plan a return visit before leaving so they have a date to look forward to. Be sensitive to romantic relationships and allow them plenty of time together before the move. Throw a going away party and take lots of pictures, then assemble the pictures in a memory book as a gift for your teen.

4 Involve Them in Plans

If possible, bring your teen along on the scouting trip, and listen to their requests when choosing where to live. Get them excited about their new home by planning three fun events for when you arrive, like attending a

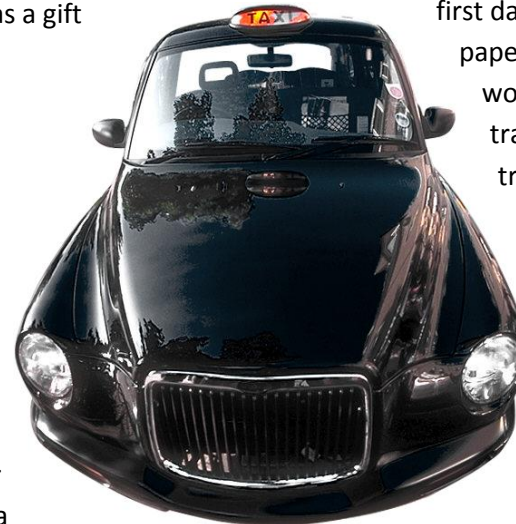
major sports game, going hiking at a national park, or surfing at a local beach.

5 Help Them Source New Outlets

Let them know that you expect them to continue doing what they love. Help them find sports clubs, dance companies, and music schools in your new city. Suggest youth social groups at a local church or community center. Encourage them to "re-root" as soon as they arrive.

6 Make the New School Less Intimidating

Arrive in the summer if possible so your teen has a chance to meet a few friends and get the lay of the land before that dreaded first day of school. Handle all the paperwork so they don't have to worry about it. Make sure all school transcripts and medical records are transferred and inquire about sports, drama, and music try-outs in advance so that he/she has plenty of time to prepare.



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