



Please help Children's Action Network collect new and very lightly used luggage for Los Angeles foster children.

WHY: Each month, 800 children in Los Angeles County enter the foster care system. On average, these children move to three or four different placements, each time bundling up their belongings in nothing more than a garbage bag when moving from home to home.

In honor of National Foster Care Month this May, Children's Action Network is collecting luggage so the foster children can transfer their belongings in an organized and dignified way. Our goal is to collect 800 pieces, one for each child who enters care during the month.

WHEN: The luggage will be collected at our offices now through May 2nd.

WHERE: Luggage can be dropped off at:
Children's Action Network
10951 West Pico Boulevard, Suite 330
Los Angeles, CA 90064

CONTACT: If you have any questions or need more information, please call:
Nicole Cadena at 310.470.9599 or e-mail to cancadena@aol.com or canjp@aol.com.

More than 20,000 children, in Los Angeles County are in the foster care system, due to severe abuse, neglect or abandonment. These children make up thirty-eight percent of California's entire foster care population.

Each May, National Foster Care Month provides an opportunity for people all across the nation to focus attention on the year-round needs of American children and youth in foster care. The campaign raises awareness about foster care and encourages many more citizens to get involved in the lives of these youth -- whether as their foster parents, volunteers, mentors, employers or in other ways.