

# Alaska SOS Appeals for Foster Homes

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA — The Alaska State-Operated School System has issued an appeal for foster homes for handicapped children. These children, ranging in age from 6 to 11 years, are in need of foster homes while they attend schools in the Fairbanks area.

Their handicaps vary from mental retardation to neurologic, orthopedic and other health impairments.

Foster homes in the Fairbanks area are needed immediately for the balance of the current school year. Foster parents may be married or single, however prospective parents must be eligible for a State license for foster homes.

Medical care and transportation for children is provided, and parents receive a monthly stipend to cover the costs of food, clothing, and recreation.

Persons interested in becoming foster parents are asked to contact Helen Pope, Placement Specialist for State-Operated Schools, at 274-1645 in Anchorage.

Inquiries may be made between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. In the Fairbanks area call the Division of Family and Children Services, 452-1571.