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I have worked for 10 years in the education system, 6 of that in an alternative school setting. Transitioning kids with dignity is a huge factor in how well they settle into a new home and continue their education. I have seen kids first hand go through situations where they cannot go home safely and need to hurry and grab their things. Having a bag and items of support can mean a kid feeling negatively as they rush to put items in a garbage bag, to a child feeling cared for and supported in a difficult time taking a new bag and new hope into a difficult situation. A child in this situation has already gone through so much, the simple gesture of a bag and kind words can make a huge impact for the child's future.