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MESSAGE:

Congratulations on the birth of your baby boy, Trig! Our warmest wishes to you and your whole family as you welcome and get to know this newest little bundle of joy! My husband and I recently moved from Alaska to Virginia, but we remember Alaska fondly. There have been rumors in the news that your son was born with Down Syndrome. We have a three year old daughter with DS, also born in AK :) I commend you on your decision to have your child. Love him as you do all your other children. He is a BLESSING! And a child first, and child with special needs second. I have learned more from my daughter in three years, than I ever did before. Expect him to shine - he will. The thing I have found most helpful with my daughter Ellie is signing (and patience of course - lots of it). I would encourage you to check out Signing Time (www.signingtime.com) it is a wonderful way to teach sign language. We started ST with Ellie when she was 2, and she has picked up over 100 signs and although her speech is severely delayed - she can communicate very well and she has shown us that she is far smarter than we ever would have known otherwise. I would have started ST earlier if I knew. Our whole family can sign basic signs with her, and she loves it. She still tries to talk, but since her words aren't clear we all use the signing to understand her.

Congratulations again! There is a very warm and welcoming group of families with DS in Alaska. I'm sure you will be hearing from them. Our best wishes to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Dianne DeVito

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