

National Reunification Month 2025

Thank you everyone for helping recognize and celebrate reunified families during Reunification Month this year. Since my last email, I've heard so many additional reunification stories and received additional resources to share.

Please see the latest update below. Thank you again for celebrating and let's continue to recognize and celebrate reunited families!

Webinars UPDATES

- National Family Unification Month Kickoff Webinar Held June 11, 2025- [Slides from the Webinar](#)
- VA Family Reunification Webinar- Pathways to Home: Communities Championing Reunification June 18, 2025, To receive a copy of the webinar, please email Chauncey.Strong@dss.virginia.gov
- Strengthening Families Through Recovery: Lessons from Kentucky's Family Recovery Court June 30, 2025 [Webinar Recording -- PowerPoint](#)

Reunification Resources-UPDATES

- **NEW Keeping Parents Actively Engaged: Family-Centered Techniques for Success!**- This learning opportunity introduces additional family-centered engagement techniques to ensure that parents receive the necessary services to successfully complete programs. Two QIC-R engagement specialists, Angela Braxton & Chauncey Strong, discuss skills to recognize parents' strengths and understand practical techniques for ongoing engagement. [Webinar Recording](#), [PowerPoint](#), [Tip-Sheet.pdf](#)
- **NEW Tribal Resources – QIC Family Reunification**- The National Quality Improvement Center on Family-Centered Reunification is committed to tribal child welfare programs by providing the support, resources, and tools needed to implement culturally enhanced reunification interventions, practices, and services.
- **Exciting- Best Practice Assessment Tool for Family-Centered Reunification Summary**- We have a summary on the QIC-R website that explains what the tool is and encourages individuals to email us for a copy of the tool: <https://qicfamilyreunification.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Family-Centered-Reunification-Best-Practice-Assessment-Tool-Summary-May-2024.pdf>

State Reunification Recognitions and Celebrations UPDATES

- **NEW--Click here to find stories celebrating family unification and honoring parents, children, and their communities of support. [ABA-2025 Family Unification Heroes](#)**
- **NEW--** On June 5, 2025, Harris County Family District Courts kicked off its inaugural Family Reunification Month with celebrations honoring child welfare professionals and reunited families, and acknowledging and celebrating the strength and importance of family. [City of Houston and Harris County for recognizing Family Reunification... Harris County Family District Courts Kick Off Inaugural Family Reunification Month.pdf](#)
- **NEW--** Hawaii celebrated three reunified families on Oahu on June 27, 2025. The event went very well, and here is a wonderful video of the families. [Reunification Video](#). Thank you very much, Emma Kurashige from EPIC 'Ohana, INC., for sharing the wonderful work you are doing on reunification.
- **NEW--** Kansas City's Jackson County Family Court hosted its Family Unity Day on Thursday, June 26th. Family Unity Day is a joyful event that honors the strength and dedication of reunified families. Thank you, Laurie V. Snell, for sharing this information, the great video, and the story. Click Here for more information [Jackson County Family Court hosts Family Unity Day celebration \(20+\) KVC Missouri was proud to join the - Search Results | Facebook--](#)

Additional Resources

- **NEW-- NC State University The Center for Family and Community Engagement [June is Reunification Month: Prioritizing Family Unification | Center for Family and Community Engagement](#)**
- **NEW-- The National CASA/GAL Association- [Reunification is a journey of hope, healing, and home](#)**
- [Reunifying Families | Child Welfare Information Gateway](#)

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Celebrating Family Reunification Month!



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Hello Colleagues,

Although I'm a little late this year, I wanted to take a moment to recognize National Reunification Month, celebrated every June. This month honors the families, dedicated professionals, and communities working together to reunite children and parents involved in the child welfare system. This year's theme is focused on communities supporting reunification. See below information and resources on National Reunification Month.

Please also see the ABA's message on National Family Unification Month. Their message this year beautifully lifts up families who have overcome separation — **and** those who stayed together despite the challenges and weight of systemic involvement. [Family Unification Month is here!](#)

I plan to send updates throughout the month, so if you are celebrating Reunification month this year, please let me know and I can share your work. Let's continue to uplift and celebrate the strength, perseverance, and successes of reunified families!

1) Webinars

National Family Unification Month Kickoff Webinar

Wednesday, June 11th at 1:00 pm EST

Join a powerful and thought-provoking webinar hosted by **April Lee** and **Yalonda Houston** from **Philly Voice for Change**. Together, we'll center the voices of those most impacted by family separation and explore the full continuum of family unity—from preventing separation to supporting reunification and fostering long-term healing. Register for next week's webinar [here!](#)

VA Family Reunification Webinar- Pathways to Home: Communities Championing Reunification Wednesday, June 18, 2025, 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM

Reunification is not only the primary goal but also the most frequently achieved outcome for children entering foster care. Join us for a powerful panel discussion featuring individuals with lived experience in the child welfare system. Hear firsthand how their communities played a critical role in supporting their reunification journeys. This session will also highlight common practices and strategies that can strengthen reunification efforts, helping professionals and communities better support families on their path home. Reserve your spot today and be part of the conversation that is shaping the future of child welfare and family reunification in our state. Together, we can reunite and thrive! **Register [here](#) !**

Strengthening Families Through Recovery: Lessons from Kentucky's Family Recovery Court--Monday, June 30, 2025 at 3:00-4:30PM ET.

Please join us for a special Reunification Month webinar highlighting Kentucky's innovative Family Recovery Court (FRC) program. This session, *Strengthening Families Through Recovery: Lessons from Kentucky's Family Recovery Court*, will explore how Jefferson County's cross-system collaboration is transforming outcomes for families impacted by substance use and involved in the child welfare system. Presenters will share how and why the FRC model was selected, the program's core components, and key lessons learned from implementation and replication. We'll also introduce a Best Practice Assessment Tool to support family-centered reunification work nationwide. **The webinar will be held on Monday, June 30, 2025, at 3:00-4:30PM ET. Register [here](#).**

2) Reunification Resources

- 1. The National Quality Improvement Center on Family-Centered Reunification (QIC-R) <https://qicfamilyreunification.org/>**
- 2. Best Practice Assessment Tool for Family-Centered Reunification Summary**

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- 3. Designing Evaluations to Meet Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse Requirements**

This tip sheet summarizes several design elements for evaluation teams to consider when designing an evaluation to meet Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse requirements.

It is intended to highlight key considerations and point readers to the relevant sections of the Design and Execution Standards.

4. [Reunification - Casey Family Programs](#)
5. [Reunifying Families | Child Welfare Information Gateway](#)

3) State Reunification Recognitions and Celebration

- [VA's Family Reunification Month Proclamation](#)
- [Washington's Proclamation: Whatcom County Recognizes Family Reunification Month](#)
- [TX: Harris County's Inaugural Family Reunification Month Celebration](#)
- [Washington State Courts Family Reunification](#)
- [FL: The Power of Parents: Stronger Together- Celebration of Reunification 2025 Sat, Jun 28, 2025](#)
- HI will be celebrating reunified on Oahu on June 27, 2025. More information to come- Until then here is a great video on their 2024 celebration. [Reunification Celebration Maui 2024](#)

Again, I'll be sending out updates and highlights throughout June. If your team is planning any celebrations, events, or acknowledgments related to National Reunification Month, please let me know — I'd love to share your work and help amplify your efforts.

Thanks

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