

National Reunification Month

ALL IN FOR REUNIFICATION 2021 - Celebrated in June each year, National Reunification Month recognizes the people and efforts around the country that help families to stay together.

[National Reunification Month \(americanbar.org\)](https://americanbar.org)

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Reunification Heroes: Check out the 12 [Reunification Heroes](#)

What's happening in your state? Here's the great reunification work happening across the country. Don't see your state? Send us information, and we can post it. [Georgia \(americanbar.org\)](#), [Hawaii \(americanbar.org\)](#), [Indiana \(americanbar.org\)](#), [Maryland \(americanbar.org\)](#), [Nevada \(americanbar.org\)](#), [Oregon \(americanbar.org\)](#), [Pennsylvania \(americanbar.org\)](#), [South Carolina \(americanbar.org\)](#), [Virginia \(americanbar.org\)](#)

[Stories From the Field: Practical Strategies for Engaging Young People Recorded Webinar \(childwelfare.gov\)](#) NEW! This webinar shares how child welfare agencies are integrating youth and family voices through engagement. An audio story accompanies the webinar and tells Jasylyn's story of living in kinship care with her grandmother and being reunified with her mother 6/25/21.

[Building Partnerships Between Parents and Caregivers Webinar \(americanbar.org\)](#): A Community-Based Multidisciplinary Approach to Strengthening Families: NEW! In this webinar, Birth Parent National Network leaders and lawyers who work as part of interdisciplinary legal representation teams shared: new Birth and Foster Parent Partnership Tools, the importance of parents and caregivers working together to achieve positive outcomes for children, and how the legal team can support the relationships between parents and caregivers.

Oregon Reunification Manager: In this article, [Oregon Refocuses on Reunification](#), our colleagues talk about the position and the 14 person team supporting the Manager that work to achieve reunifications across the state.

[Georgia Reunification Month calendar 2021 v2.docx \(americanbar.org\)](#) Georgia "All In for Reunification 2021" Calendar-NEW! Georgia has created a calendar with 30 activities - one for each day during June 2021. Check it out for great ideas and inspiration to celebrate reunification.

A Blast from the Past

- **Sibling Connections [On the Road to Reunification: Experiencing Foster Care with My Sister by My Side](#)**: D'Artagnan Caliman shares his journey through foster care to getting his MSW and being a national resource for other families. His enduring connections to his sister, mother, and others resonated with the team.
- **[Georgia's New Reunification Manager Position](#)**: Georgia is making family reunification a statewide priority with a new reunification manager position.
- **[Making Reunification Possible for Older Youth | Juvenile Law Center \(jlc.org\)](#)** A call by the Juvenile Law Center to support and expand safe and sustainable reunification for older youth who are in or at risk of entering the child welfare system.

All in for Reunification 2021

NEW! A webinar for foster care managers about Reunification Month to get them interested in honoring families in their states, and professionals who assisted them, throughout the year. This year's theme is "All in for Reunification 2021" and the goal is for every state to participate this year. Held March 25, 2021. 6/1/21. [All in for Reunification 2021 - YouTube](#)

National Reunification Month is celebrated in June and acknowledges the people and efforts around the country that help families to stay together. I am always excited to support and promote national and local efforts to recognize Reunification Month.

The theme this year is **All In For Reunification 2021!!** The Planning Committee and I hope every state and will acknowledge families who reunified this year and the professionals who assisted them. Share your reunification activities, and we will post them on the [National Reunification Month website](#).

Thank you to the planning committee members, Mimi Laver, ABA, Scott Trowbridge, Children's Bureau, Tracy Serdjenian and Keyna Franklin, Rise, Britt Cloudsdale AdoptUSKids, Jennifer Marcelli, Capacity Building Center for States, Marla Galvan, Information Gateway, and Taffy Compain, Children's Bureau. I am always very appreciative of your continued dedication and being champions for Reunification!!

Below, I have listed highlighted some of the [National Reunification Month website](#). Throughout the month, we will post additional resources as we receive them about reunification and, most importantly, share the stories of this year's Reunification Heroes. If you have additional information you would like to share, please let us know. Then feel free to share this email broadly, and let's go **All In For Reunification 2021!!** 😊

[National Reunification Month Website](#)

This year the site features:

1. **Reunification Heroes:** [Erin Thomas, our first 2021 Reunification Hero](#). (The site will be updated throughout the month and more Reunification Heroes will be added, please check back periodically). [National Reunification Month \(americanbar.org\)](#)
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4. **CBX highlights reunification.** [Children's Bureau Express \(hhs.gov\)](#) This issue features a message from Associate Commissioner Aysha Schomburg on National Reunification Month. Also, an article that delves into the disparities and reunification outcomes for children of color.
5. **Oregon Reunification Manager:** In this article, [Oregon Refocuses on Reunification](#), our colleagues talk about the position and the 14 person team supporting the Manager that work to achieve reunifications across the state.
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7. **How Judges Can Support Family Reunification through Parent–Resource Parent Partnerships:** New Resources: This alert highlights how parent–resource parent partnerships support family reunification.
8. **Reunification Webinar** [All in for Reunification 2021 - YouTube](#)
9. **enCircle** [Visit Coaching: When Reunification Is Unknown](#)

For more reunification information, please visit the [National Reunification Month website](#).

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