

National Reunification Month – June 2022

Tips and sprinkles of love for families, resource parents, and child welfare professionals. And resources families can use to keep their children at home, or return home, safely.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Bring awareness to Reunification month by posting on social media. #ReunificationMonth. 📱	2 Create a shared photo album between children and families of origin. 📷	3 Update families regularly on their child's progress in school and activities. 🌐	4 Support a teen or young adult. Help them find a fulfilling and engaging summer job . 📄
5 Make a " Comfort Call " as soon as the child arrives at a new home. 📞	6 Join Philly's Quality Parenting Initiative . This group helps to ensure that all children in care have excellent parenting and lasting relationships so they can thrive and grow. 👪	7 Include the family's voice in every discussion. Work closely with families to identify reunification goals and map out a road plan to get there. ❤️	8 Practice grace with yourself. Check out the headspace app and get started on your own mindfulness practice. 😊	9 Refer a parent to a parenting skills group . This resource is designed specifically for parents who are receiving in-home services. 👪	10 As soon as a child is placed in out-of-home care, be sure to talk with children about reunification goals. ❤️	11 Partner with parents. See them as experts on their children's needs. 🤝
12 Connect families with Intensive Prevention Services . This program supports children ages 10 to 19 academically, emotionally, socially. 📚	13 Share the Parent's Handbook with families. It's a guide to help parents who have children in placement. 📖	14 Join a Parent Café to strengthen your parenting skills. There are several meet ups citywide. 🗺️	15 Tell a friend about PHLpreK . It's a free program for children ages 3 to 4. 🧒	16 Be mindful of unique reunification efforts with special populations. For example, parents who are incarcerated need visitations to occur for reunification to happen. 🗑️	17 Refer a family to the Achieving Reunification Center . This one-stop center helps parents with reunification goals. ✓	18 Reach out to a parent and simply ask "How are you?" or "Can I help you with anything?" 🗣️
19 Father's Day! Send a card or text a father with a photo of his child(ren). 📷	20 Inform parents about the Adoption and Safe Families Act's time limit and how it affects them. The timeline starts on the first day of placement. ⌚	21 Thank a resource parent today. They play a huge role in helping families navigate the reunification journey and provide mentorship. 🎓	22 Connect families with PlayItSafePHL , a citywide guide to year-round activities and events. 😊	23 Read about the McKnight family's reunification story on the DHS website . Aren't they adorable? 📎	24 Share the Parent Café Experience video with parents. They can hear firsthand how these meet ups can positively change people's lives. 🧠	25 Share a self-care idea with a coworker. 🧘
26 Refer families with a housing need to the DHS housing program . 🏠	27 Make visitations fun and meaningful. Ask families and children about activities they would like to do during their time together. 🎮	28 Encourage a child to write a letter or draw a picture for their parent. 😊	29 Make a tradition with families. One example is to have an evening routine phone call with a child's parents before they go to bed. 📞	30 Be intentional about supporting families' reunification journey. Use these tips and sprinkles of love in your daily social work practice. 📄		