



NC DEPARTMENT OF
**HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES**

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June 5, 2026

DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

**ATTENTION: DIRECTORS, CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS,
MANAGERS, SUPERVISORS, AND SOCIAL WORKERS**

**SUBJECT: JUNE IS NATIONAL REUNIFICATION MONTH AND FATHERHOOD
AWARENESS MONTH**

REQUIRED ACTION: Information Only Time Sensitive Immediate

**PURPOSE/BACKGROUND: INFORMATION AND RESOURCES RELATED TO NATIONAL
REUNIFICATION MONTH AND FATHERHOOD AWARENESS MONTH**

Governor Josh Stein has proclaimed June as both [Reunification Month](#) and [Fatherhood Awareness Month](#), underscoring the importance of supporting families and promoting safe and timely reunification. North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Social Services (NCDHHS DSS) deeply appreciates the Governor's commitment to the well-being of children, youth, and families, and the recognition of the vital role caregivers and fathers play in long-term stability.

To honor these statewide observances, NCDHHS DSS will host a Permanency Matters webinar, "*June Spotlights: Strengthening Reunification Efforts and Effective Father Engagement*" on 6/25/26 from 1:30pm-2:30pm. This session will highlight best practices in reunification and strategies for engaging fathers that support safety, connection, and permanency.

- Please register here: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/#register/5574270421402371167>.

NATIONAL REUNIFICATION MONTH WEBSITES:

- The Children's Bureau (CB) recognizes and promotes Reunification Month. Children's Bureau released a bulletin on 6/5/24 that provides publications, resources, and outreach tools on CB's website.

Website: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USACFCWIG/bulletins/3a0b158>

The American Bar Association (ABA) recognizes National Family Unification Month. ABA provides resources including, but not limited to, outreach materials, webinars, social media toolkits, inspirational stories through Reflections, and a community engagement page.

Website: https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_interest/child_law/project-areas/national-reunification-month/

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FATHERHOOD ENGAGEMENT RESOURCES:

- The National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse (NRFC) is an Office of Family Assistance funded national resource for fathers, practitioners, programs/Federal grantees, states, and the public-at-large who are serving or interested in supporting strong fathers and families. The NRFC website provides several resources, webinars, and literature available for review.

Website: <https://www.fatherhood.gov/>

- The North Carolina Fatherhood Conference is being held on Saturday, June 20th. This event is designed to celebrate and support fathers in their journey through parenthood. The conference is in-person and free to attend. Registration and additional information about guest speakers and workshops can be found at www.ncfatherhood.com.

Thank you for your commitment to supporting the safety, well-being, and permanency of children, youth, and families involved with North Carolina's child welfare system. Should you have questions, please contact the State Permanency Coordinator, Jessica Frisina at Jessica.Frisina@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,



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