

# Reunification

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Glossary Item

**METEOR identifier:** 719243

**Registration status:** [Children and Families](#), Standard 20/01/2021

**Definition:** Reunification is a planned process of safely returning and enabling a child to remain at home with their birth parent(s), family, or former guardian after a period of time in care when it is in the child's best interests to do so, and where it will safeguard the child's long-term stability and permanency.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

**Reference documents:** Child Protection National Minimum Data Set, Data Collection Manual 2017–18, July 2018

## Relational attributes

**Metadata items which use this glossary item:**

- [Reunification type](#)  
[Children and Families](#), Standard 20/01/2021
- [The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle Indicators 2018–19: Indicator 2.3 Indigenous children who were reunified](#)  
[Children and Families](#), Standard 03/03/2021
- [The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle Indicators 2019–20: Indicator 2.3 Indigenous children who were reunified](#)  
[Children and Families](#), Qualified 20/10/2021