

JUNE 2023

# CASA CORNER



## UPCOMING COURT DATES

**IBERIA PARISH**

June 22, 2023

**ST. MARTIN PARISH**

June 19, 2023

**ST. MARY PARISH**

June 1, 2023

**“WHY DO PARENTS DESERVE AN EXTRA CHANCE? THE TRUTH IS WE DON'T. THE PERSON THAT DESERVES ANOTHER CHANCE IS MY SON, THE CHANCE TO BE RAISED BY HIS FATHER.”**

~ Jason Bragg, birth father to a child that was placed in foster care

## CASA BIRTHDAYS

Terri Thompson - June 7

Leah Cowie - June 18

Brent Richard - June 30



**MEN'S  
HEALTH  
MONTH**



# FATHER'S DAY



FOR AMAZING DADS,

We're very lucky to have you looking after and caring for us every day.  
Our happiness is yours and your happiness is ours.

*Thank you so much!*





# REUNIFICATION MONTH

Every year, 2 million children come into contact with the child welfare system due to investigations of parental abuse or neglect. The loss of a parent is arguably one of the most distressing experiences a child can undergo, and can lead to an irreparable sense of loss that can stunt development and lead to behavioral problems. Foster care is meant to be a temporary solution, but children stay in foster care for an average of two years. In addition, the average foster child is moved from one home to another at least once, with 25 percent moving three or more times. Put simply, reunification is the common goal in most foster care cases, because when children and their parents are able to reunify, families thrive.

Reunification is when a child returns to live with the family they were removed from, full time. Reunification gives the parents an opportunity to get the help they need in order to care for their child and lead productive lives. In addition, children who can return to permanent, stable routines in loving homes result in better are more likely to succeed in school and social settings because they aren't occupied with thoughts of when they'll move or switch homes again. Reunification promotes better mental health, reduced anxiety, and happier lives for children; as well as allowing the child(ren) to maintain family connections, traditions, and cultural identities. The bond between a child and their parents is like no other. Reunification respects and empowers that bond.

Reunification month is a way to focus and celebrate the hard work of parents who have taken the opportunity to fight to have their child(ren) back in their lives. As advocates of these reunified children, our first goal should aim to eliminate shame and raise parental voices and unite the community on how to better serve families prior to system involvement. Reunification events can and should celebrate the resource caregivers, attorneys, caseworkers and service providers who have fought tirelessly to support a family reunification. They are heroes in the process, and are needed and valued. The issue is when we stop there; only raise up those heroes and forget the purpose of these events - to honor parents, listen to them and ask them what they need from us to keep their family unified.

**CLICK TO READ MORE**

**WASHINGTON FOSTERS**  
**ON REUNIFICATION**

**THE IMPACT OF**  
**REMOVING CHILDREN**  
**FROM THE HOME**

**WHY CELEBRATING**  
**REUNIFICATION MONTH**  
**MATTERS**

**Follow Our Social Medias**



CASA of the 16th JDC



CASA16thJDC



CASA Sixteenth JDC Inc





Even though the Emancipation Proclamation was made effective in 1863, it could not be implemented in places still under Confederate control. As a result, in the westernmost Confederate state of Texas, enslaved people would not be free until much later. Freedom finally came on June 19, 1865, when some 2,000 Union troops arrived in Galveston Bay, Texas. The army announced that the more than 250,000 enslaved black people in the state, were free by executive decree. This day came to be known as "Juneteenth," by the newly freed people in Texas.



# June teenth