

How did the Maricopa County **FAMILY REUNIFICATION DAY CELEBRATION**

start?

The Maricopa County Juvenile Court, under the leadership of then Presiding Judge Colleen McNally, hosted an inaugural Reunification Celebration in June 2014. The **Maricopa County Reunification Day: Families Make It Happen** event was held in downtown Phoenix. The event included lunch as well as a formal program spotlighting five families who successfully reunified with their children. The families later had the opportunity to pose for a family picture, visit craft and face painting tables, and enjoy other family activities. The celebration has grown to become a community sponsored event and is empowered by organizations and individuals who care about families.



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FAMILIES MAKE IT HAPPEN!

**Maricopa County's
FAMILY
REUNIFICATION DAY
CELEBRATION!
EVERY JUNE!**

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The majority of children in out-of-home care have a case plan goal of family reunification.



If you would like to nominate a parent to be recognized at the annual **Maricopa County Reunification Day Celebration**, please request a nomination form via email at familiesreunify@gmail.com.

The dependency action for the nominated family must have been dismissed by the court no later than December 31st of the year preceding the Celebration for which they are nominated.

“Never give up on yourself, and know that your child will never give up on you either.”
- Felicia Haranzo, 2014 Reunification Day Honoree



In the last year, **more than 5,000 Arizona Children** were reunified with their families!

CELEBRATION.

Honoring those who have reunified.



Nominated families have overcome significant obstacles. Many of them faced drug and alcohol addiction, domestic violence, mental health issues, poverty, and limited access to services for themselves and their children. Despite these hurdles, the families accepted the help of community service providers to provide safe, stable and nurturing homes.

INSPIRATION.

Inspiring families currently involved in dependency.



While the primary focus of Family Reunification Day is to honor families and share their success stories, the event also serves additional functions. This annual celebration intends to inspire hope for other families who are struggling and actively involved in dependency matters with the juvenile court, as well as inspire community awareness and engagement.

ENGAGEMENT.

Collaborating with community partners.



It's powerful when a community comes together! The planning committee is comprised of representatives from Juvenile Court, the Department of Child Safety, Casey Family Programs, CASA of Arizona, CASA of Maricopa County, Voices for CASA Children Inc., various attorney agencies, other child welfare stakeholders and individual community members.