Child—reunification type, code N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Reunification type
METEOR identifier:	706941
Registration status:	Children and Families, Superseded 20/01/2021
Definition:	The family type to which a child was returned when a funded **out-of-home care** placement has ended, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Child—reunification type
Value Domain:	Type of reunification arrangement code N[N]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N[N]	
Maximum character length:	2	
	Value	**Meaning**
Permissible values:	1	Reunification with birth parent/s
	2	Reunification with Indigenous relatives/kin (other than birth parents)
	3	Reunification with other relatives/kin (other than birth parents)
	4	Reunification – Other/Not further specified
Supplementary values:	97	Not applicable
	99	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

| **Guide for use:** | CODE 1   Reunification with birth parent/s |
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Where the child will be reunified with one or both birth parents.

The Department/agency will have transferred full parental guardianship/custody of the child back to the birth parent within the reporting period. Only Department/agency-approved reunifications are included. This includes children who self-reunified, with subsequent endorsement by the Department/agency.

CODE 2   Reunification with Indigenous relatives/kin (other than birth parents)

Where the child will be reunified with Indigenous relatives/kin other than birth parents. Includes members of Indigenous communities who are a relative of the child (other than parents) or who are accepted by that community as being related to the child. The Department/agency will have transferred full parental guardianship/custody of the child back to Indigenous relatives/kin within the reporting period.

CODE 3   Reunification with other relatives/kin (other than birth parents)

Where the child will be reunified with relatives/kin other than birth parents. Includes non-Indigenous relatives or relatives of unknown Indigenous status (other than parents), or caregivers who are considered to be family or a close friend, or is a member of the child or young person's community (in accordance with their culture). The Department/agency will have transferred full parental guardianship/custody of the child back to relatives/kin within the reporting period.

CODE 4   Reunification – Other/Not further specified

Where the child was reunified with a person or persons other than their birth parents, or other relatives/kin. This category may include reunification to a former guardian (other than those specified above). This category may be used when it is known that a reunification attempt has been made, but where it is not possible to classify who a child was reunified with.

CODE 97   Not applicable

The client has not exited funded out-of-home care; or the client has exited funded out-of-home care but not for a reunification attempt; or the living arrangement is not a funded out-of-home care placement provided by a funded agency (e.g. living with parents, independent living, other living arrangements).

CODE 99   Not stated/inadequately described

Where it is unknown whether the child was provided with a permanent care arrangement during the reporting period.

Source and reference attributes

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

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

| **Guide for use:** | The family type to which a child was returned when a funded out-of-home care placement has ended. |
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This excludes trial reunifications where the out-of-home care placement remains open.

Source and reference attributes

| **Submitting organisation:** | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| **Origin:** | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) 2018. Child protection national minimum data set, data collection manual 2017–18. Canberra: AIHW. |

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Has been superseded by [Child—reunification type, code N[N]](#) [Children and Families](#), Standard 20/01/2021

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Living arrangements for children under care (LA) file cluster](#) [Children and Families](#), Superseded 20/01/2021