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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Glossary Item |
| METEOR identifier: | 719243 |
| Registration status: | [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), 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. |

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| 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/706935)       [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 20/01/2021[The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle Indicators 2018–19: Indicator 2.3 Indigenous children who were reunified](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/732713)       [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 03/03/2021[The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle Indicators 2019–20: Indicator 2.3 Indigenous children who were reunified](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/749991)       [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Qualified 20/10/2021 |