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MEDIA ADVISORY

Families, Justices, and Judges to Celebrate Family Reunification in Lansing

- Who:** Clinton, Gratiot, and Mason County families celebrating reunification
Justice Elizabeth Clement, Michigan Supreme Court
Justice Megan Cavanagh, Michigan Supreme Court
Judge Michelle M. Rick, 29th Circuit Court
Chief Judge Jeffrey C. Nellis, Mason County Probate Court
JooYeun Chang, Michigan Department of Health & Human Services, Executive Director of Children's Services Agency
- What:** Michigan Reunification Day celebration to promote the value of reunifying foster children with their families and to celebrate families who have achieved this goal with the help of courts and other local agencies.
- Where:** Michigan Hall of Justice
925 W. Ottawa Street
Lansing, MI 48915
- When:** Thursday, June 20, 2019, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
Picnic with families begins at noon
Program with presentation of families begins at 12:15 p.m.
- Why:** To promote the value of reunification of foster children with their families and to spotlight the many professionals who make it their duty to ensure children are returned safely to their families. Michigan is one of 27 states to hold Reunification Day events. In its fourth year, Michigan's Reunification Day is a part of the American Bar Association's annual Reunification Month.

Reunification day festivities aim to recognize the vital role that courts, community members, professionals, volunteers, and other partners play in helping to strengthen and support families, making it possible for them to be reunified. During the event, parents and family members will share their successful stories of reunification. The Reunification Day luncheon and program is sponsored by the Michigan Supreme Court, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, State Court Administrative Office Child Welfare Services, Michigan Court Improvement Program, and Michigan Federation of Children and Families. For more information, visit www.courts.mi.gov/reunificationday.