Family Reunification Workbook

Goal tracking, service records, family-contact logs, and review questions.

CHILD SAFETY AND INDIVIDUAL NEEDS COME FIRST. Use this workbook to track information and prepare questions—not to predict or guarantee a court decision.

A practical, family-centered guide

This resource is designed to help people organize information, ask informed questions, and locate appropriate support. It is educational—not legal advice. Procedures, rights, deadlines, and agency practices vary by state, tribe, court, and individual case. Confirm current requirements with a qualified attorney or the relevant agency.

Understanding reunification planning

When reunification is a case goal, the written case plan and court orders are central. Ask your attorney and caseworker to explain the current goal, the specific concerns being addressed, the services offered, how progress is assessed, and how family contact is arranged. Requirements differ by jurisdiction and case.

- Request a copy of the current case plan and any updates, where you are legally entitled to receive them.
- Ask how each service connects to a specific safety concern or case-plan objective.
- Ask how progress will be measured and who makes the assessment.
- Clarify what happens if a provider has a waitlist, cancels, or is unavailable.
- Discuss barriers such as transportation, work schedules, childcare, disability access, language, or cost.

Goal and service tracker

Case-plan goal / task	Provider / contact	Target date	Progress / proof

Family contact / visitation log

Follow the current court order and approved contact plan. This log is for accurate personal notes; it does not replace provider or agency records.

Date / time	Type / location	Who attended	What occurred / follow-up

Questions about services and barriers

- Is the service required by a court order, part of the case plan, or voluntary?
- What is the purpose of the service, and what will successful participation look like?
- Are there alternative providers or formats if the service is unavailable or inaccessible?
- How should I document a cancellation, missed appointment, or scheduling conflict?
- Who can help resolve transportation, language, disability, or childcare barriers?

Progress reflection

What I completed	Date / evidence	What I learned or changed

Preparing for case-plan reviews

- Review the current written plan before the meeting.
- Bring a concise list of completed tasks, supporting documents, and unresolved barriers.
- Ask which goals have changed and why; request clarification in writing.
- Ask what remains, how it will be evaluated, and the expected review date.
- Discuss the child's needs, relationships, culture, school, health, and safe family connections.

A completed service or a period of participation does not automatically determine a court outcome. Decisions are made under applicable law and based on the evidence and the child's circumstances.

Important safety note

If a child or another person is in immediate danger, contact local emergency services. Do not delay urgent safety action to complete a worksheet. Keep sensitive records secure and share them only with people who have a legitimate need to know.

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