



Reintegration



What: Concept

Family reunification is a process for reintegrating a child back from the institution to his or her birth family. However, reunification is not always possible or appropriate while reuniting a child with his or her birth family. If it is determined to be unsafe or not in the best interests of a child at any stage in the process, then alternative forms of family care—kinship care, foster care, or adoption—should be considered.*

How: Case Management process for Reintegration:



The process is highly individualized, focused on the child and is often non linear.

Importance of child participation in the reintegration process

- Addressing the fears at each step
- Valuing the opinions regarding reintegration
- Children are prepared and have a say in the decision affecting their lives
- Timely escalation of red flags related to safety

*Ref: Faith to Action Initiative





Red Flags

Red flags are specific circumstances or indicators that may signal an imminent risk to thesafety and well-being of a child within their family environment i.e. the child is unsafe.* Red flags must be addressed and taken into consideration at every step of case management while working with child and family.

Well being domain	Red flags (areas of risk for child and family)
နိုင်္ခ Family and သူတို့ Social Relationship	Physical/verbal/emotional abuse in the family, Gender discrimination, Domestic violence, Cyber bullying, Non-accidental injury
	Sexual abuse in family, POCSO victim, molestation of a child or family member, pornography & cyber molestation, etc.
	Child Marriage, Eloping, Run away
Household Economy	Insecure income/employment, migration,child labour,
Living Conditions	Unsafe living situation (community engages in commercial sex work, liquor shop, constant altercation) / environment, natural disaster, pandemic
Education	Children not enrolled or drop out from school, absence of quality education, learning disability in children, family not prioritizing education.
Health and Mental Health	Alcohol/substance abuse in child or family, critical illness, child or parents with special needs,chronic health issues.

How to

mitigate

Red Flags?

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If the risk is high, then immediately rescue the child

Display the emergency number in public areas

Organize awareness drives on various child protection issues and child rights

Form and strengthen the Children Committees/Bal Panchayats at local level

Involve various stakeholders to build the safety net at all levels

Establish child protection mechanism

Build capacity of stakeholders to support child and family

Linkage with appropriate Government schemes and available local resources

^{*}The term "unsafe" refers to the presence of immediate or impending danger or threats of harm.