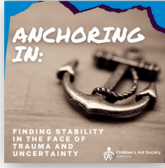


## UPCOMING

### ➔ APAC's June 14th Webinar



These times can feel unsettling and uncertain. Because they are.

We have never, in our lifetimes, been faced with such adversity, loss, and change. We have found ourselves feeling hopeless and helpless as the world around

us changes beyond our control. Yet, even in the darkest hour, we can learn to anchor into what we do know; what we do believe, and what we do find to be true. Join Jules as she walks us through a dialogue of inquiry and curiosity; a conversation about what it means to find your anchor, to hold fast to your anchor, and to use this anchor as a means for "settling down and settling into" this one precious and sacred life that we have been offered. If you care for others who have been wounded or if you have been wounded, this is a time for you to engage in some reflection and planning to *Anchor In* as we move forward.

Our presenter, Jules Alvarado holds 25 years of experience in system transformation through Emotional Regulatory Healing®; combining the latest research in neuroscientific findings with ancient healing methods.



Family United Together  
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## JUNE IS NATIONAL REUNIFICATION MONTH: CELEBRATING FAMILIES WORKING TO CREATE A BRIGHTER FUTURE

By Ashley Adams, CAS Family Partners & EPIC Program Director

June is celebrated as **National Reunification Month**, a significant occasion within the child welfare community. This annual observance was established in 2010 by the American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law, along with other national partners, to highlight reunification as the *most desirable and positive legal permanency outcome for children*. It serves as a time to honor families who have successfully reunified with their children after their placement in the child welfare system.

Reunification stands as the primary permanency option achieved by the majority of children in the child welfare system, as foster care is *designed to be a temporary solution rather than a permanent arrangement*. Hence, June presents an opportunity to acknowledge the individuals and organizations that contribute to family preservation efforts. One such program is the **Children's Aid Society's Family Partners Program**, which aids families in overcoming obstacles to establish a safe and stable home environment for their children.

We recognize that children thrive when they can safely remain with their parents and extended family members. To facilitate a smoother reunification process, our program offers services such as:

- Therapy
- Basic living skills training, and
- In-home case management

Over the past five years, **Family Partners** has successfully supported **381 families** in reunifying with their children through intensive in-home services. We are proud of the commitment of these families and the service our Family Partners team provides.

As always community support and advocating for programs like Family Partners is needed and appreciated. Thanks to each and every one of you, for helping to spread awareness about reunification and the work Children's Aid Society of Alabama performs each day to help change lives, build families and strengthen communities.

### ➔ We Are Hiring Camp APAC & Camp Life Staff



Camp APAC is an annual event for adopted children ages 12 to 18, along with their siblings. Camp Life serve older youth in Alabama's foster care ages 14 -21. We're searching for energetic people to work with us at any, or all of these enriching summer camp experiences! Applications are open

to anyone ages 19 and above. Staff members will be paid for each camp they work. This is ideal for college students, retirees, coaches, educators, youth leaders...anyone with a heart to serve and a spirit of fun. If you have any questions, please contact our camp coordinator, **Valerie Anderson**, [vanderson@childrensaid.org](mailto:vanderson@childrensaid.org).

### ➔ Heart Gallery Alabama's Family Friendly Classics



Exciting news for all you sports enthusiasts and supporters of our friends, Heart Gallery Alabama! We are thrilled to announce that our APAC program will be in attendance at the Heart Gallery's three baseball classics across the state of Alabama.

You have the opportunity to contribute to a great cause and enjoy a great night at the ballpark! To secure your spot and grab some awesome Heart Gallery Alabama (HGA) swag, simply click on the link next to the game of your choice. For all the incredible foster and adoptive families out there, don't forget to email us at [info@heartgalleryalabama.com](mailto:info@heartgalleryalabama.com) to request a special promo code for discounted tickets! A Heart Gallery child will throw the First Pitch at each game - it's a heartwarming moment you won't want to miss.



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Click the calendar to view all the events we're planning & participating in this month!

### June 12, 2023

Jefferson County AFG

\*\*\*Meets the last Monday of each month\*\*\*

6:00 pm, at Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church (FREE to attend, childcare is provided)

Contact Allison Ambler, aambler@childrensaid.org

### June 20, 2023

Madison County AFG

\*\*\* Usually meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month, meeting changed due to church schedule\*\*\*

6:00 pm, in the Wesley Center at First United Methodist Church

(FREE to attend, childcare is provided)  
Contact Kendra Alley, kalley@childrensaid.org

### June 15, 2023

Statewide Virtual AFG

\*\*\*Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month\*\*\*

8:00 pm, a private Zoom link will be sent by email to interested parties.

Contact Buddy Renahan, brenahan@childrensaid.org to be added to the email list.

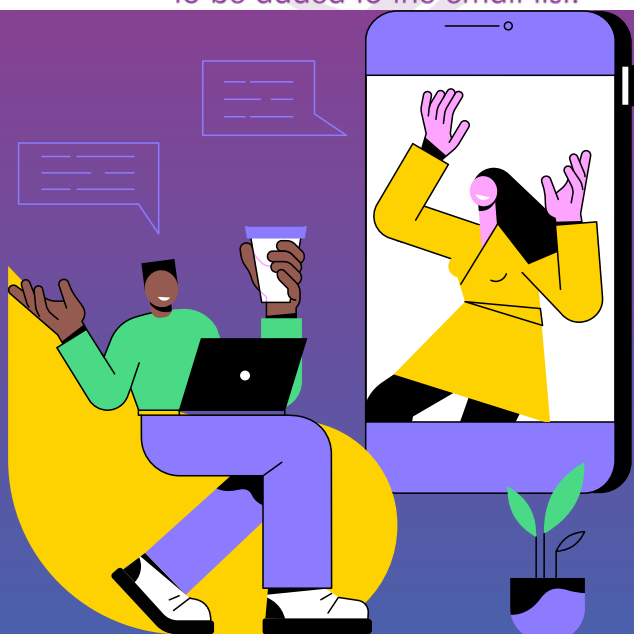
### June 20, 2023

Baldwin County AFG

\*\*\*Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month\*\*\*

6:00 pm, 3Circle Church- Daphne

(FREE to attend, childcare is provided)  
Contact Eva-Marie, estinson@childrensaid.org



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