

What are Your Connections?

- Who taught you how to tie your shoes? _____
- Who took you to your first day of preschool/kindergarten? _____
- Who can tell you the story of your birth? _____
- Who has pictures of you from the time you were an infant? _____
- Who taught you right from wrong? _____
- Who taught you manners? _____
- Who taught you (appropriately) about male/female anatomy? _____
- Who took you to your first piercing? _____
- Who taught you to throw, shoot or kick a ball? _____
- Who taught you how to clean your room? _____
- Who went to your ball games/school concerts/plays, etc.? _____
- Who taught you how to cook? _____
- If you were raised in a religious home, who insured that you went to church, temple, mosque or other place of worship? _____
- Who do you talk to when you want to know your family history? _____
- Who tells the family stories? _____
- Who taught you how to drive? _____
- Who could you call in high school or college when your car broke down? _____
- With whom do you share holidays? _____
- Who helped you buy your first car? _____
- Where do you and your siblings gather? _____
- Who provided Halloween costumes? _____
- What family member do you call when things go wrong? _____

Connection Self-Assessment

Description	Phase
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> _____ Talk openly with the child about his/her family. _____ Request photos of the child's family to display in his/her room. _____ Arrange sibling visits in your home. _____ Exchange letters through the child's caseworker. _____ Send pictures of the child to their birth parent/s. _____ Brag to the parent about the child. _____ Share copies of homework and report cards with the parents. _____ Offer to provide snacks or activities for visitations. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> _____ Have a positive view of the child's family. _____ Transport the child to visits at parent's home or treatment. _____ Talk with parent/s at visits. _____ Have a non-threatening attitude toward the bio-family. _____ Encourage parent/s to phone their child. _____ When talking to the parent refer to parent's child as "your child". _____ Ask parent/s for input about their child's likes and dislikes. _____ Encourage and reassure parent/s about reunification. _____ Encourage parents' progress. _____ Help parents find community resources. _____ Meet the child's family at placement. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> _____ Serve as a mentor to the parent. _____ Give feedback to parents after visits if needed. _____ Give verbal progress reports to parent/s. _____ Ask parent/s to come to appointments with the child. _____ Invite the child's family to attend school programs with you. _____ Assist the parent's with transportation to meetings or events. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> _____ Welcome child's parent/s to your home. _____ Attend parenting classes with child's parents. _____ Arrange family visits with parent/s. _____ Serve as a support to family following reunification. _____ Provide respite care for parent/s after reunification. 	