



# CHANGE THE NARRATIVE

# SAFE STRONG SUPPORTIVE

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safe children | strong families | supportive communities





Is what you see, advocate for, approve and accept what you'd want for members of your family?





Aren't all families deserving?

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What safety guide factors would you think about or impose for your niece to go home safely?

# Reasonable Efforts

- \*What efforts would you think are reasonable?
- \*To keep family together?
- \*Before you irretrievably terminated the family?

“REASONABLE EFFORTS”  
AS DEFINED BY WHOM?








These questions and more are being asked by the ACF, Children’s Bureau, NCSC, ABA, NCJFCJ, NACC, Casey and others.





# EVOLUTION

- **The Flemming Rule**  
and the expansion of neglect
  - **Indian Child Welfare Act**  
and understanding the importance of trauma, family, kin, and culture
  - Understanding **poverty** and the need for **prevention**
  - **Listening** to those with lived experience
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# The American Bar Association

## Resolution 606 (August 2022)

### Conclusion

Like other legal systems, child welfare has a long history of over-surveillance of and underinvestment in the lives of Black families. This Resolution urges the ABA and the legal profession to examine that history, acknowledge our role in shaping it, and begin to untangle it by following the lead of Black children, parents, and kin who have experienced child welfare and know both the potential for harm and the importance of investing in the strength of Black families as foundational to our country.

Similar to the Council of Chief Justices/Council of State Court Administrators Resolution 1 (2020)

# Continue to question, learn and evolve.



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