



What Integration is Not

- •A separate task from Clarification
- "The system" making decisions about the child's relationships
- Supporting permanency options that do not align with the work the youth is doing in Clarification and Integration

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What Integration Is

- Building and rebuilding relationships
- •Accepting "both/and" in relationships
- Including family members



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Conceptual Questions Related to Integration

- Where am I going? >Attachment
- How will I get there?
 ➤ Relationships



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"The fact is, there is no foundation, no secure ground, upon which people may stand today if it isn't the family. If you don't have the support and love and caring and concern that you get from a family, you don't have much at all. Love is so supremely important. As our great poet Auden said, 'Love each other or perish'."

Mitch Albom, Tuesdays with Morrie

Going Deeper About Separation

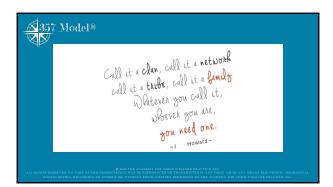
- · Parents, siblings, pets, school, neighborhood, friends
- Sharing the same physical
- Spontaneous conversations
- Sharing stories (and being part of the stories)



Exploring Separation with Youth

- What was happening for you before separation from family?
- What has been happening for you while you have been away from family?
- What have been your needs while in care? Have they been met?
- Who has met your needs while you have been in care?
- How do you make sense of what has happened to you?

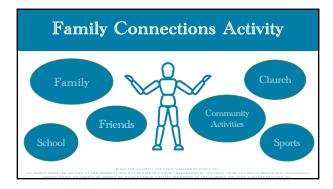
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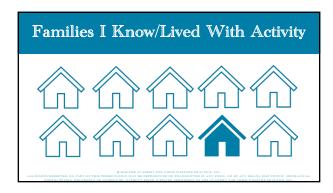














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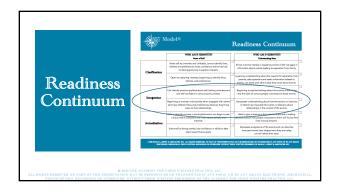
Supporting Grieving Children

- Communicate understanding about sadness
- Acknowledge painful feelings and affirm
- Allow youth to give meaning to their loss
- Listen to their stories
- Be open to relationships with other families
- Continue to build the relationship
- Take care of yourself

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Coming Up Next

- 1. Overview of the 3-5-7 Model®

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 2. How Storytelling Encourages Healing
 3. Using Activities to Engage Children and Youth
 4. Using the Tools of the 3-5-7 Model®
 5. Clarification: Seeking the Answer to Why
 6. Integration: Creating Well-Being through Relationships
 7. Actualization: Finding Safety in Relational Permanence
 8. Supporting Youth-Driven Decision-Making

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