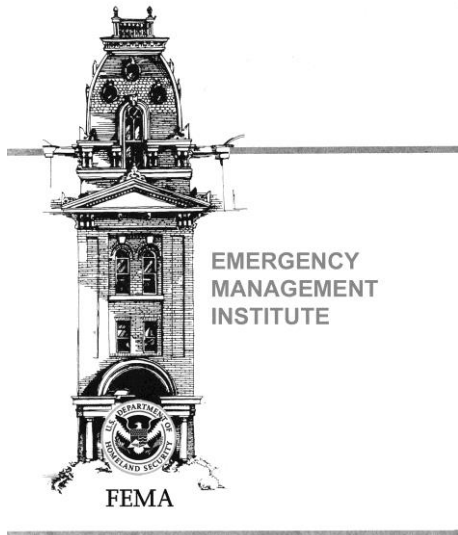


# UNIT 6: REUNIFICATION RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS AND PROVIDERS

## Student Manual

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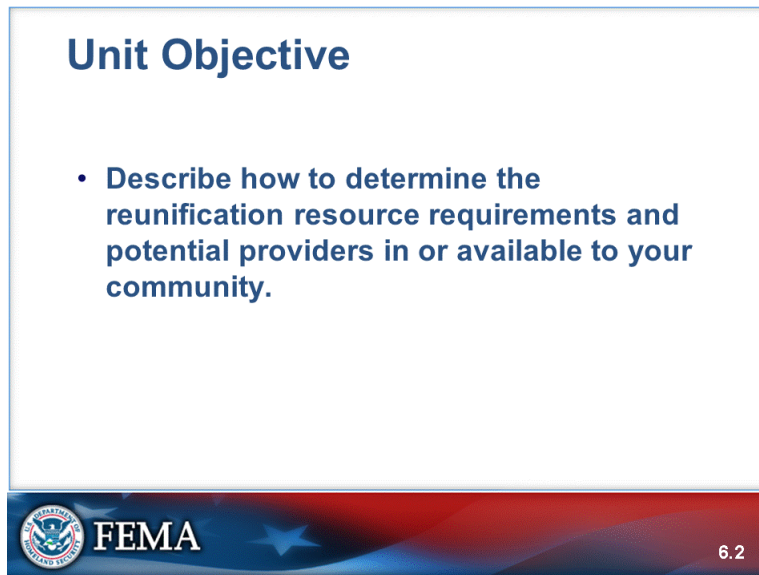


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## REUNIFICATION INTRODUCTION




Reunification services in the MC/EA context can be defined as providing a means to aid in the physical reunification of individuals who are separated by disaster.

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**Unit Objective**

- **Describe how to determine the reunification resource requirements and potential providers in or available to your community.**

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At the conclusion of this unit, you will be able to:

- Describe how to determine the reunification resource requirements and potential providers in or available to your community.

## REUNIFICATION

### Reunification

Reunification services in MC/EA provide a means for communication and the physical reunification of individuals who are separated by disaster, or to reestablish contact with family and friends.

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Reunification services in MC/EA provide a means for communication and the physical reunification of individuals who are separated by disaster, or to voluntarily reestablish contact with family and friends.

Access to reunification tools may take place at the same facilities such as shelters to provide a central location for those reuniting; however, wherever reunification services take place, it should be in an area that affords some privacy. As part of the planning process, the community needs to include mental health support services wherever Mass Care and Emergency Assistance is being provided.

You must contact law enforcement should you encounter any unaccompanied minors during the reunification process.

One way you can provide reunification services in your community is by leveraging the following:

- Providing access at sites such as shelters, libraries, or anywhere people congregate and have access.
- Some communities may use social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) to help reunification efforts. In addition, *Safe and Well* is an online tool provided by the American Red Cross.
  - <https://safeandwell.communityos.org/cms/index.php>

## DISCUSSION



A severe storm with high winds knocks down trees and power lines across access roads back into the community and knocks out the power and some cell phone towers. In one household, the parents are at work, kids are at school, pets are at home, and elderly parents are in an in-law suite at home.

1. What process might be in place to notify family members?
2. How would you facilitate the reunification of adult children with their elderly parents?
3. Who could provide reunification services in your community?
4. What location would you use to coordinate reunification? Explain the decision.

## ACTIVITY 6.1

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1. Work in table groups.
2. Identify two requirements for each resource.
3. Report out findings to the class.



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## RECAP

### Unit 6 Recap

You should now be able to:

- Describe how to determine the reunification resource requirements and potential providers in or available to your community.

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