Reaching for Home: Global Learning on Family Reintegration in Low and Lower-Middle Income Countries
(Family for Every Child)

“There is no global definition of the term ‘reintegration.’ There is now general agreement that reintegration is a process and not an event, and involves more than the simple physical placement of a separated child back within a family...For the purpose of this report, the narrower conceptualization is used, with reintegration defined as: 'The process of a separated child making what is anticipated to be a permanent transition back to his or her immediate or extended family and the community (usually of origin), in order to receive protection and care and to find a sense of belonging and purpose in all spheres of life.' ”

This resource highlights findings from a review examining dozens of documents, surveys, and interviews with experts, all related to family reintegration. Topics discussed include assessment, reintegration planning, preparation, reunification, post-reunification support, and promising practices. Additionally, several critical concerns are addressed, along with opportunities and challenges. Consider this a foundational guide for any organization hoping to begin or improve engagement with family reunification.

Community Based Social Work with Children and Families: A Manual on Prevention and Reintegration
(Save the Children)

This resource contains a compendium of knowledge gained during the "Take Me Home 2" project, which focused on reducing unnecessary institutionalization by developing advanced models of alternative community-based care. Sections include "burning issues" of prevention and reintegration, training and technical assistance, and information on monitoring. The concise yet thorough glossary, as well as the case study examples throughout, will be of particular interest to OVC practitioners. Additionally, the appendix includes a wealth of helpful forms, assessments, and tools. Although the project took place in Bulgaria, and some components of this document are region specific, much of this guide could be easily adapted to most cultures.
Additional Resources

**What Do We Know About Family Strengthening For Family Reintegration of Separated Children?**
(CPC Learning Network and Women's Refugee Commission)

**Elaborating a Lifelong Plan: Family Reintegration (Factsheet 7)**
(International Social Service)

[Factsheets 4, 5, and 6 can be found here.]

**Checklist of Factors Associated with the Return of Children to Their Birth Families**
(Bullock, R., Little, M., and Millham, S.)

**Going Home: Children's Reintegration in Mexico, Moldova, and Nepal**
(Family for Every Child)

**Achieving Positive Reintegration: Assessing the Impact of Family Reintegration**
(Friends International Phnom Penh)

**Standard Operating Procedures: Family Reintegration**
(Retrack)

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