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SEVEN LOCAL PARENTS CHOOSE CHILDREN OVER DRUGS AND VIOLENCE

Special CPS Court Docket to Celebrate National Reunification Month

Who: Child Protective Services (CPS), seven parents and the sixteen children who had been previously removed from them. Parents who have agreed to tell their compelling stories include:

- Stephanie Woodruff whose case was opened with **CPS** in August 2012 after she admitted to using drugs during her pregnancy and was found positive for drugs at the birth of one of her children.
- Jeri Castillo, widowed single mother of five, whose children were removed after the serious physical abuse of her six-year-old--also in August 2012. Her children removed by CPS included a set of infant twins.
- Benita Trevino who was incarcerated for theft last July after she admitted stealing to help support a drug habit that kept her from caring for her child.

What: A special **CPS** and Children's Court docket dismissing the cases of the parents and reunifying them with their children. Their reunifications come after extensive work with **CPS**.

When: Tuesday, June 17, 2014 @ 9:00 a.m.

Where: 225th District Court--Fourth floor of the Bexar County Courthouse

Why: To celebrate the cooperation and success of these families during [National Reunification Month](#)