



## CT Department of Children & Families Social Worker Finds Father Of 3-Year-Old July 17, 2020

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A father and child have been reunited, thanks to efforts from a Connecticut social worker with the Department of Children and Families.

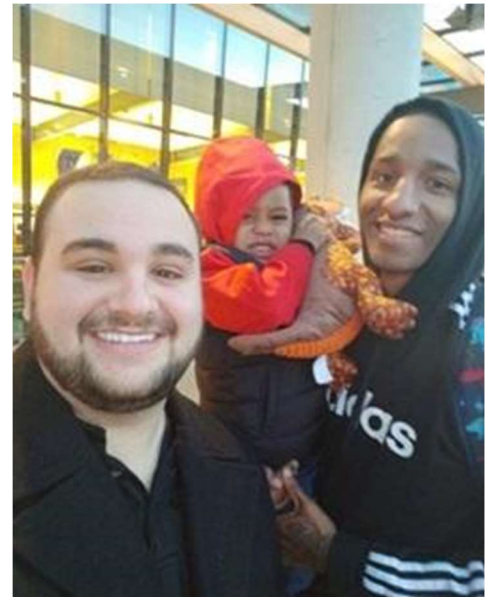
The child had been placed in foster care, after his mother left him in an unsafe situation. Paul Franco used a state search engine to track down the father, who was living out west.

“I can sleep at night, knowing that this child is safe with his father, with his grandmother, and for the dad it means he gets to be a parent, he gets to embrace parenthood and have his family back again.”

56 percent of children who left foster care in 2018 were reunited with their families or a relative.

Franco says it’s been challenging to engage fathers in the past, but stories like this highlight that it’s possible.

Listen to an Mr. Franco's interview on WSHU Public Radio: <https://www.wshu.org/post/ct-department-children-families-social-worker-finds-father-3-year-old#stream/0>



*Connecticut Department of Children and Families' Social Worker Paul Franco with the Father and Son he reunited.*