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# FAMILY UNIFICATION DAY

**June 21, 2018**

2:00 p.m. ....WELCOME

*Supporting Unification: Prioritizing Families and  
Focusing on Primary Prevention*

2:20 p.m. ....VIDEO PRESENTATION

*Poverty and Child Welfare Systems*

(Excerpts from an interview with Jerry Milner, D.S.W.,  
Acting Commissioner, Administration on Children,  
Youth and Families)

*Cannitta's Story: Surviving, Not Living*

(Cannitta is a 2018 Unification Day Honoree)

2:30 p.m. ....PRINCIPAL REMARKS

Honorable Daniel Yablonsky, Passaic County

2:40 p.m. ....AWARDS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF THE UNIFIED  
FAMILIES AND FAMILY UNIFICATION DAY HEROES

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The **Peter N. Fiorentino, Jr., Esq., Memorial Scholarship** will be  
presented to TaHiyyah Curtis-Brooks by Amy Vasquez

**CLOSING OBSERVATIONS**

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