

Establishing Paternity For Your Child

Legal paternity can easily be established by both parents completing an Acknowledgement of Paternity form, provided by the hospital upon the birth of your child. Signing this form allows the father's name to be added to the child's birth certificate. Completing an Acknowledgement of Paternity form is voluntary and should be completed as soon as possible after your child's birth.

What is Paternity?

- Paternity is the legal process to determine the parentage of a child born to parents who are not married
- It establishes the legal father in the eyes of the law
- It allows the father's name to be added to the birth certificate

How is Paternity Established?

- Marriage
(husband is presumed to be the father)
- Acknowledgement of Paternity
(after 60 days it is a legal finding)
- Court Order
- DNA / Genetic testing alone does not establish paternity

Benefits of Paternity

- Financial support of both parents
- Family medical history
- Social Security and Veteran's benefits in the case of either parent's death or disability

Need More Information?

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

Child Support Enforcement

P.O. Box 94728

Lincoln, NE 68509-4728

1-877-631-9973, Option 2

www.dhhs.ne.gov/CSE

Nebraska Vital Records

301 Centennial Mall South, First Floor

Lincoln, NE 68508-2529

402-471-2871

If your child was born in Douglas County, contact:

Douglas County Vital Records

1819 Farnam Street, Room H-01

Omaha, NE 68183-1000

402-444-7204

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