

CONTACT INFORMATION

**Department of Attorney General
Child Support Enforcement Agency**
You can obtain child support and related paternity establishment services through the Child Support Enforcement Agency. Contact information is listed below.

Island of O'ahu

For questions about paternity:
(808) 586-5428

Island of Hawai'i

For questions about paternity:
(808) 933-8604, ext# 0

Island of Kaua'i

For questions about paternity:
(808) 322-4837, ext#108

Islands of Maui, Moloka'i & Lana'i

For questions about paternity:
Maui: (808) 243-5088

The continental United States

For questions about paternity:
(888) 317-9081

For more information and applications for services:
ag.hawaii.gov/csea/forms-brochures/

For Voluntary Establishment of Paternity (VEP) information, please call the following phone numbers:

State of Hawai'i Department of Health

O'ahu (808) 586-4541
Kaua'i..... (808) 241-3495
Maui & Lana'i.....(808) 984-8210
Moloka'i..... (808) 533-3208
Island of Hawai'i
Hilo.....(808) 974-6008
Kona.....(808) 322-4880
Waimea.....(808) 887-8114

The Hawai'i Department of Health provides services and opportunities to take part in its programs and activities without regard to race, color, disability, national origin, creed, religion, age, or sex. If you believe you have been discriminated against, please write to:

State Department of Health
Affirmative Action Officer
P.O. Box 3378
Honolulu, HI 96801

<http://health.hawaii.gov/vitalrecords/>

How to Establish Paternity Voluntarily if You're an Unmarried Parent



Make a Positive Choice for Your Child

**Voluntary Establishment of
Paternity Program
(808) 692-7037**



What is Paternity Establishment?

Paternity means fatherhood. Establishing paternity is a voluntary way for parents to establish the biological father as the legal father.

What are the Benefits of Paternity Establishment?

For Children:

- ◇ Develop a relationship with both parents as well as both sides of their family.
- ◇ Obtain financial support from both parents.
- ◇ Qualify for benefits from the father, such as Social Security, veteran's benefits, Hawaiian ethnicity, and health insurance.
- ◇ Know their medical history from both sides of their family.

For Mothers:

- ◇ Share the responsibility of parenting.
- ◇ Obtain financial support.

For Fathers:

- ◇ Include his name on his child's birth certificate.
- ◇ Be a part of his child's life.

How Can Legal Paternity be Established for My Child?

There are two ways you can legally establish paternity for your child if you're not married.

1. You and the other parent can sign the Voluntary Establishment of Paternity by Parents form in a hospital, with a midwife or at the Department of Health; or
2. You can file a paternity action in court where a judge can establish that the biological father is the legal father.

What Do We Do When We Both Want to Establish Paternity?

You should ask about establishing paternity in the hospital at the time of the baby's birth. Follow these three steps:

1. **Ask for a Voluntary Establishment of Paternity by Parents form.** Your medical provider at the birthing hospital or the midwife can assist you with this form.
2. **Read the Form Carefully.** The paternity form contains important legal information that you should understand before signing.
3. **Complete and Sign the Form.** The completed form must be signed by you in front of a hospital staff member or midwife. The birthing facility will send the completed form to the Department of Health.

After completing these three steps, you have established your child's legal paternity. You can order a birth certificate with the father's name from the Department of Health.



What if We Didn't Complete the Paternity Form at the Birthing Facility?

Both parents may complete the Voluntary Establishment of Paternity by Parents form at the Department of Health, 1250 Punchbowl Street, in Honolulu or the District Health Office on the neighbor islands.

If either or both parents live out of state, and want to establish paternity for a child born in the State of Hawai'i, then you should contact the State Department of Health in Honolulu for help getting the paternity form.

What if You're Not Sure Who the Father Is?

If you are not sure who the father is, you may want to consider genetic testing.

The Child Support Enforcement Agency or a private attorney can give you more information.

Can I Change My Mind After I Sign the Voluntary Establishment of Paternity by Parent Form?

Yes. You or the other parent can change your mind. You will need to sign a Rescission of Voluntary Establishment of Paternity form before a notary public within 60 days of signing the Voluntary Establishment of Paternity by Parent form. After the rescission is received by the Department of Health in Honolulu and after the birth certificate has been amended by Rescission, the other parent will be notified that a Rescission was filed. After 60 days, you are legally bound by your acknowledgment of paternity.

What if I Am a Parent Under the Age of 18 and Want to Rescind My Paternity?

You have 60 days from the date of signing to rescind, as with all other parents. It is recommended that you consult an attorney if you have other questions.

What if I'm Receiving Government Assistance?

If you're receiving AFDC/TANF benefits, you may still voluntarily establish paternity. If you do not voluntarily establish paternity, the Child Support Enforcement Agency will handle your paternity, medical and child support case.

Do I Need My Social Security Number to Establish Paternity?

Yes. If you are an American citizen or legal resident and have a Social Security number, you must provide it on the paternity form. If you do not have a Social Security number, you should consult with the State Department of Health office on your island.

