



Establishing Paternity

News & Notes

Lazy Days of Summer~

While you were enjoying the warm weather months we have been very busy putting together new resources for you and your staff and we thought that we'd announce it during August which is National Child Support awareness month. This will be the last hard copy edition of Paternity News and Notes that you will be receiving by US mail. Don't worry, we will still be publishing it, but now it will be electronically shared with you by email and via our new website! So please share your email address with us by sending a note to charlotte.gardner@otda.state.ny.us.

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A Message from the Deputy Commissioner

I am pleased to announce that the Center for Child Well-Being has developed an updated webpage especially designed for hospital birthing staff and local birth registrars. We hope you find it to be an invaluable resource to answer your questions regarding paternity. In addition, we have released a new brochure (PUB 4719) about establishing paternity that explains the benefits for everyone involved. This serves as a companion piece to the new video that we released this past Spring. Thank you for your continued support of the voluntary acknowledgment of paternity process.

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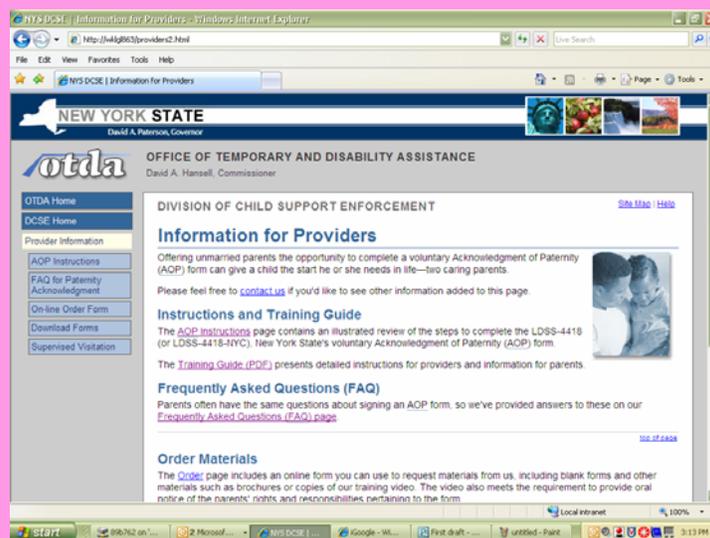
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Getting the message out

The Division of Child Support Enforcement has had a website for many years that provided basic, as well as specific, child support information that was geared toward parents already utilizing our services. Based on feedback from hospital staff and local birth registrars we have added a section just for service providers. The section can be found by going to newyorkchildsupport.com and clicking on the tab in the left-hand column labeled providers. There you will find a downloadable training manual, a link to the acknowledgment of paternity video, all of our publications in PDF format, and the order form to obtain materials (like the AOP form) directly from our warehouse. In the near future, we will be adding an interactive online training module. Be sure to check it out!



If you do not have access to the internet to view the newsletter online please contact Charlotte Gardner (518) 473-7362 so alternate arrangements can be made.

FAQs About AOPs



Q: An error is made by the hospital while they entered information into the computer system and the parents contact you once they receive the incorrect birth certificate. What can be done?

A: If the mistake was caught within a year of the child's birth and the error was made by the hospital they can request an unlock code from the NYS Department of Health.

Q: Will the Governor's acceptance of same sex marriages conducted outside of New York State effect who can complete AOP forms?

A: No, everything will stay the same. If a woman has a baby and is married to another woman they will still need to go to court to establish legal paternity.

Q: What if the parents get married right after the baby is born. Do they have to do anything special to get the father's name on the birth certificate?

A: They can either do a voluntary acknowledgment of paternity or they can contact their local court to establish legal paternity for their baby.

Q: What happens to the form once we send it to our local vital record's office?

A: The local registrar sends copies to the parents, the State Department of Health, and the Putative Father Registry.

Q. Why is the form sent to the Putative Father Registry (PFR)?

A. When a child is put up for adoption or is considered for foster care officials check the PFR to inform fathers before the process occurs. It may also be used to located fathers during child support proceedings.

Publications

The following are available free of charge from our warehouse. Use the order form on adjoining page (duplicate as needed). **Materials cannot be sent to PO Boxes.**

Forms:

- **LDSS 4418** Acknowledgment of Paternity for Upstate Hospitals
- **LDSS 4418-NYC** Acknowledgment of Paternity for NYC Hospitals
- **LDSS 4418-NYC S** Acknowledgment of Paternity Spanish*
- **LDSS 4418-NYC AR** Acknowledgment of Paternity Arabic*
- **LDSS 4418-NYC R** Acknowledgment of Paternity Russian*
- **LDSS 4418-NYC C** Acknowledgment of Paternity French Creole*
- **LDSS 4418-NYC M** Acknowledgment of Paternity Mandarin Chinese*
- **LDSS 4418-NYC BO** Acknowledgment of Paternity Bosnian*
- **LDSS 4418-NYC UR** Acknowledgment of Paternity Urdu*
- **LDSS 4418-NYC VI** Acknowledgment of Paternity Vietnamese*

Brochures:

- **Pub 1950** NYS Child Support Services *NEW*
- **Pub 4719** "Establishing Paternity. What parents need to know" *NEW*
- **Pub 4719S** "Establishing Paternity. What parents need to know" Spanish
- **Pub 4720** "Teen Parents and the Law"
- **Pub 4720S** "Teen Parents and the Law" Spanish
- **Pub 4901** New Dads Manual
- **Pub 4901S** New Dads Manual Spanish
- **Pub 4901RU** New Dads Manual Russian
- **Pub 4901AR** New Dads Manual Arabic
- **Pub 4901CH** New Dads Manual Chinese
- **Pub 4901HA** New Dads Manual Haitian Creole
- **Pub 4901KO** New Dads Manual Korean *NEW*
- **Pub 4944** Support Your Child Financially and Emotionally *NEW*

***Note:** Translated forms are for reference only. Only **English** forms are accepted to establish paternity in New York State.

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Onsite Presentations

Our Outreach Division is here to support your staff and offer new staff/refresher presentations to hospitals across the State. We are interested in presenting at birth registry regional meetings, staff trainings, or other group settings. If you are interested in setting up a specific date please contact us:

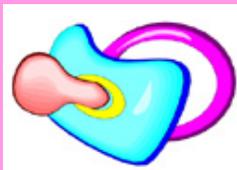
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New Arrivals



We recently mailed hospital financial officers a letter containing information regarding continued reimbursement for AOPs completed in hospitals. If your hospital did not receive a letter please contact Charlotte Gardner as soon as possible with the contact name and address for your hospital. If your hospital decides to participate they must let NYS OTDA know by September 1, 2008. Once your officials sign the contract you will receive a copy of it so that you know hospital staff's responsibilities under the contract.

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"Temporary Assistance for Permanent Change"

Formula for Success – Nutritional Facts

Serving Size – One Successfully Completed AOP
Servings Per Worker – 100% Daily Recommended Effort



Amount/Serving	% Daily Value
Total Dedication	110%
Saturated with Sincerity	100%
Commitment to NY's Children	100%
*** A significant source of :	100%
Vitamin A	
Vitamin O	
Vitamin P	

*** Percent daily values based on over 150 hospitals across NYS.

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