



Division of Child Support Services

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These "Genes" Never Fade



Hospital Paternity Program

Every year there are many children born in Arizona to unwed parents. Most unwed parents are not aware of a state funded program available to establish a legal relationship for children with their fathers. This program is free of charge and establishes paternity, which is legal fatherhood.

At the time the child is born, the parents may sign a form at the hospital and request to add the father's name to the birth certificate. When the form is complete, a hospital employee will either witness or notarize the form. The form will be sent to the Hospital Paternity Program, which will add the father's name to the birth certificate.

Children deserve the love and support of both parents. By establishing paternity, parents take a positive first step to securing their child's future.



Consider the importance of paternity in your child's...

Growth and Development

Growing up in today's society is tough. Studies show that children excel in school and ultimately in life when both the mom and dad actively participate in the child's development. Your child will have an easier time growing up knowing his or her father.

Health

Your child's health is very important. By legally identifying the father, you will have a complete family medical history should your child become ill. It is the responsibility of your child's father to help provide support toward health insurance and medical bills.

Financial Support

You and your child may have a right to child support payments, and other financial benefits such as inheritance rights, retirement pension benefits, life insurance, unemployment compensation - even lottery winnings.

For more information on the Hospital Paternity Program contact us at 602-771-8181 or 1-800-485-6908, or ask about the program during your hospital stay.