

Attention All Grandparents Raising Grandchildren



Are you raising a grandchild or know someone who is?

Has your grandchild had legal parentage established? The Department of Economic Security (DES) Division of Child Support Services (DCSS) can help secure their future by assisting you in establishing legal paternity for the child(ren) in your care.

Establishing legal paternity or legal parentage means determining the legal father of a child. Paternity is an important part of a child's future. Did you know if a child's mother was not married when the child was born, then by law there is no legal father listed on the birth certificate? Steps can be taken by DCSS that can easily help to establish paternity if the child's mother and father were not married when the child was born. When paternity is legally established it gives a child born to unmarried parents the same legal rights as a child born to married parents. Once paternity is determined, the child is entitled to a number of helpful benefits that might include Social Security benefits, Veteran's benefits and inheritance rights. Studies have shown that children may benefit greatly in knowing their paternal family's cultural, medical, and biological history. The paternity process may begin at any time up until the child turns eighteen years old.

DCSS can help you establish legal paternity for your grandchild(ren). Contact DCSS at (602) 252-4045 or toll free in Arizona at 1-800-882-4151. There is no charge to use DCSS services to establish paternity for the children in your care. Let DCSS help you, contact us today.



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