

CONTACT INFORMATION

Department of the 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

Child Support Enforcement Agency
Kakuhikewa Building, 601 Kamokila Boulevard
Kapolei, Hawai'i 96707
Office hours: 9 AM to 3PM
692-8265

Island of Hawai'i

Hawai'i Child Support Enforcement Agency
88 Kanoelehua Avenue, Room 202
Hilo, Hawai'i 96720
933-0644

Islands of Maui, Moloka'i & Lana'i

Maui Child Support Enforcement Agency
35 Lunalilo Street, Suite 201
Wailuku, Hawai'i 96793
Maui: 243-5241
Moloka'i & Lana'i and the continental United States:
(888) 317-9081

Island of Kaua'i

Kaua'i Child Support Enforcement Agency
4370 Kukui Groove St, Suite 204
Lihue, Hawai'i 96766
241-7112

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**State Department of Health
Affirmative Action Officer
P.O. Box 3378
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96801**

Or call:

State Department of Health
O'ahu:586-4541
Kaua'i:241-3498
Maui:984-8210
Island of Hawai'i Hilo:974-6008
Kona:322-4880
Waimea:.....887-8114
Lana'i:565-6411
Moloka'i:.....553-3200

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



**Make a Positive Choice
for Your Child**

Voluntary Establishment
of Paternity Program
O'ahu: 527-5888
Outside of O'ahu: (888) 447-2160

What is Paternity Establishment?

Paternity means fatherhood. Establishing paternity is a voluntary way for parents to establish the man 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.
2. You can file a paternity action in court where a judge can order 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. The three steps include:

1. **Asking for a Form of Voluntary Establishment of Paternity by Parents.** Your medical provider at the birthing hospital can give you this form.
2. **Reading the Form Carefully.** The paternity form provides important information that you should understand before signing.
3. **Filling Out and Signing the Form.** After you complete the form, you and the other parent must sign it in front of a hospital staff member. The hospital will record the form with the Department of Health, which will in turn report this information to the Child Support Enforcement Agency.

After completing these three steps, you have established your child's legal paternity.

Can we Still Fill out the Form if we Didn't Complete it at the Hospital?

Yes. You can obtain a Voluntary Establishment of Paternity by Parents form from the Department of Health, Vital Statistics Office, and Registration-Corrections Section in Honolulu or the District Health Office on your island.

If the biological father lives out of state, and wants to establish paternity from his out-of-state residence, then you should contact the State Department of Health for help in getting the form to the father.

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 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 60 days, you are legally bound by your acknowledgment of paternity.

What if I am a Minor and Want to Rescind my Paternity?

Generally you may withdraw your voluntary acknowledgment of paternity any time before your 18th birthday. It is recommended that you consult an attorney if this is something you want to do.

What if I'm Receiving Welfare Assistance (AFDC/TANF)?

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 both your paternity case and establishment 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 staff members.

