

Here's To The
Children

Paternity and Mothers

You Owe It
To Your Child

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Need More Information Regarding Establishing Paternity?

**Nebraska Department of
Health and Human Services
Child Support Enforcement Unit**

P.O. Box 94728
Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4728
1-877-631-9973

Vital Records Management

1033 O Street – Suite 130
Lincoln, Nebraska 68509
402-471-2871

**If your child was born
in Douglas County,
contact the office below:**

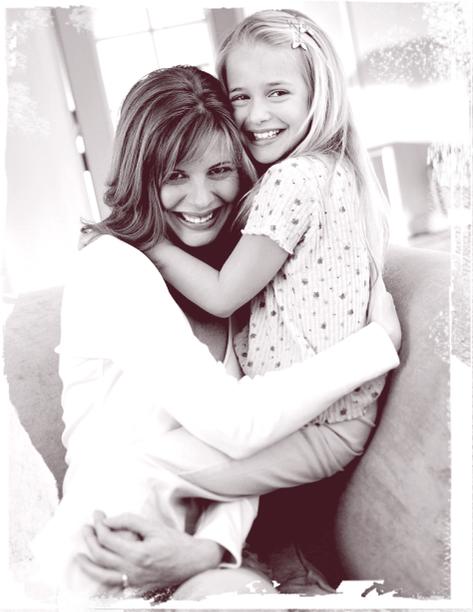
**Vital Records Management
Douglas County Health Department**

402 Civic Center
Omaha, Nebraska 68183
402-444-7205

How Do I Take Responsibility For My Child?

The easiest way to legally establish paternity in Nebraska is for both parents to sign a Voluntary Acknowledgement of Paternity. You can complete this form at the hospital upon the birth of your child. If paternity wasn't established at birth, you can get the form at one of the offices listed at the back of this brochure.

Signing this form is completely voluntary. If you are under the age of 19, you should talk to your parents before signing an Acknowledgement of Paternity form.



What Is Paternity?

Ask any child what he or she wants most in life and the answer won't be a computer or video game. What they want are both parents to help them grow. When you establish paternity for your child, you also establish the legal father in the eyes of the law.

Children who grow up without both parents are more likely to drop out of school and become involved in drugs or criminal activities. All of these risk factors can be lessened if children have a strong family bond and a family support system – including positive influence from both parents, even if you do not live with each other.



What Rewards Does Your Child Receive?

By taking responsibility:

- Your child can have the emotional stability of knowing and interacting with both parents.
- Your child can receive the financial support and security of both parents to grow into a strong person.
- Your child will have potentially life-saving access to family medical records.
- Your child will have the right to inheritance as well as any available Social Security and Veteran's benefits in the case of either parent's death or disability.

What Rewards Do You Receive?

By establishing paternity:

- You can be assured that your child may have the emotional stability and benefits of knowing both of his or her parents.
- You can improve the financial security for the family, such as Social Security and Veteran's benefits, health care, or other benefits through the government.
- You'll be able to get information about family medical history in case your child inherits diseases or disorders either at birth or later in life.
- You'll have help sharing the responsibilities of raising your child.

