



Paternity means Fatherhood –

Overview – Establishing paternity is the process of determining the legal father of a child. When parents are married, paternity is automatically established in most cases. If parents are unmarried, paternity establishment is not automatic and both parents, as soon as possible for the benefit of the parent and the child, should start the process. Even though they aren't married, the father and mother of the child may be living together. This does not mean the child's paternity has been legally established. Unmarried parents who sign the Acknowledgement of Paternity form help their child (ren) gain the same rights and privileges of a child born within a marriage. Some of those rights include: financial support from both parents, access to important family medical records, access to the non-custodial parent's medical benefits, and the emotional benefit of knowing who both parents are.

For more information please contact -

The Paternity Hotline – 303- 830-3572

There are three easy ways to establish paternity in Colorado

	What is this?	How does this work?	Where can I do this?	How much does this cost?	What issues can this solve?
Voluntary Acknowledgment of Paternity (AOP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The AOP is a form that unmarried parents can sign to voluntarily say that a man is the biological father of the child. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The mother and the biological father sign the AOP in front of a witness. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospitals or birth facilities (when a child is born) Office of Vital Records and Statistics/ www.cdphe.state.co.us All local health departments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free, if filed by the hospital or birth facility with the birth certificate. If form is filed after the hospital deadline, there is a \$20.00 charge to add the father's name and \$17.00 for a copy of the birth certificate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paternity (determination of the legal father of a child) Adds father's name to a Colorado birth certificate Can change the child's name
Administrative Paternity Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An administrative paternity order does not involve the judicial court system, but the order has the same effect as a judicial order. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One of the parents must apply for child support services. Both parents receive a Notice Financial Responsibility (NFR). After the parents have time to respond to the NFR, provide more information or request genetic tests, an order is issued. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call your local county child support office: www.childsupport.state.co.us 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$20.00 one-time fee for Establishment of Paternity, establishment of an order, and collection services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paternity Adds father's name to a Colorado birth certificate Child Support Medical Insurance
Judicial Paternity Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A judicial paternity order is the result of a court action in front of a judge or commissioner. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The parents may hire attorneys or represent themselves in court. Both parents receive court documents and can provide more information to the court. After all issues have been resolved, an order is established. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> District Courts Juvenile Courts www.courts.state.co.us 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filing fees set by the courts Attorney fees set by attorney Fees for a new birth certificate that includes the father's Information set by the Office of Vital Records and Statistics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paternity Allows the father's name to be added to a Colorado birth certificate Establish Child Support Establish Medical Coverage Can change child's name Can address Custody Can address parent-time (visitation)

How will you establish paternity for your child?