

Establishing Paternity for Multiple Alleged/Presumed parents

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Who's the Daddy?

- ▶ 1 in 25 Dads may not be the biological parent of the child they believe to be theirs
- ▶ Paternal Discrepancy (PD)

Alleged Paternity

- ▶ A person that the birth mother (or anyone) says is or could be the biological father of a child



Presumed Paternity

- ▶ A person that is recognized under law to be the legal father of a child



Presumptions of Paternity

- ▶ Marriage
- ▶ Support
- ▶ Has held child out as the natural child
- ▶ Genetic Testing 97% or higher
- ▶ Acknowledgement of Paternity (AOP)

Competing Presumptions

- ▶ There can be more than one presumed and/or alleged father or mother of a child
- ▶ More than one presumption can apply to one person
- ▶ Case must be handled judicially not through APA

Is there someone listed on the birth certificate?

- ▶ How did the fathers name get on the birth certificate?
- ▶ Did the mother name a man as “father” other than the man on the birth certificate?
- ▶ Research COVIS



Jurisdiction

- ▶ Does Colorado have authority to establish paternity?
- ▶ CSS can petition the state where the alleged father lives to establish paternity

Interview/Review application

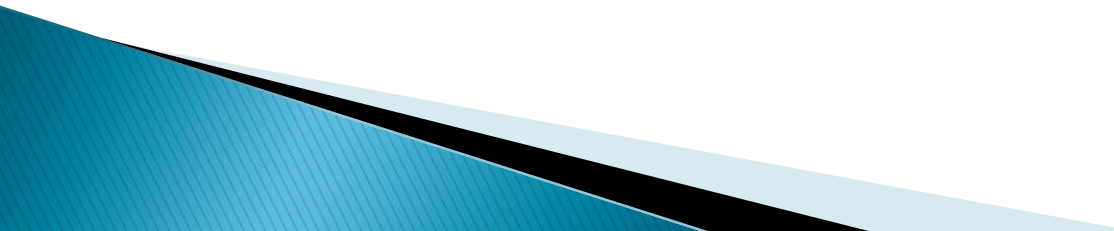
- ▶ Encourage
- ▶ Educate
- ▶ Enlighten



Genetic Testing

- ▶ Either party may request testing
 - CSS pays for services up front
 - CSS seeks reimbursement
- ▶ Subsequent testing is available

Report of Paternity Determination

- ▶ Procedure for CSS to add father's name to birth certificate
 - ▶ In-state vs. out-of-state RPD's
 - ▶ Best practices
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RPD Form



COLORADO
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Health & Environment

STATE OF COLORADO REPORT OF PATERNITY DETERMINATION

This form can be filled out and printed at the following Web address: <https://www.colorado.gov/cdphe/paternity-forms-and-applications>. This document must contain the signature and seal of the District/Juvenile court and cannot be submitted online. You may fax form: 1 (877) 260-4080.

first		middle		last	
1. CHILD'S NEW NAME:					
PARENTS: THE INFORMATION IN THIS BOX WILL APPEAR ON THE CHILD'S NEW BIRTH CERTIFICATE					
first		middle		maiden name	
2. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:					
2A. MOTHER'S BIRTH DATE		2B. MOTHER'S BIRTH PLACE:		country if not U.S.A	
first		middle		last	
3. FATHER'S FULL NAME:					
3A. FATHER'S BIRTH DATE		3B. FATHER'S BIRTH PLACE:		country if not U.S.A	
first		middle		last	
4. MOTHER'S CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS:					
city/town		state		zip	
4A. MOTHER'S DAYTIME PHONE #: — —					
5. FATHER'S CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS:					
city/town		state		zip	
5B. Parents' Driver's License #:		State of License		5A. FATHER'S DAYTIME PHONE #: — —	
				Expiration Date	
ATTORNEY OR AGENCY (To be contacted for additional information if needed)				Attorney ID #:	
6. CONTACT NAME:				6A. FIRM OR AGENCY:	
street or box #				city/town	
6B. ADDRESS:				state	
6C. CONTACT PHONE #: — —				6D. E-MAIL ADDRESS:	
THIS INFORMATION IS NEEDED TO LOCATE AND SEAL THE ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE					
first		middle		last	
7. CHILD'S NAME AT BIRTH:					
8B. BIRTHDATE:		8C. BIRTHPLACE:		7A. SEX:	
first		middle		maiden name	
8. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:					
first		middle		last	
9. FATHER'S NAME:					
CERTIFICATION OF CLERK OF COURT					
I hereby certify that the child identified above was decreed to be the child of the above named parents on the _____ day of _____, 20____ and is now to bear the name of _____					
as set forth in the decree of Paternity in the District/Juvenile Court of _____ County, Colorado.					
Case number		Signature and seal of court		Date / /	
By _____ Deputy Clerk					

Return form to:
Vital Records/Paternity Determination
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
4300 Cherry Creek Drive South
Denver, CO 80246-1530

Contact information:
Birth Unit
Phone: (303) 692-2226
Email: cdphe_birthcertificates@state.co.us
Fax: 1 (877) 260-4080

Questions?



Thank you

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