

Legal parentage is easy to establish without going to court – *and it's free!*



What is the Parentage Opportunity Program?

The California Parentage Opportunity Program is a voluntary program for a birth parent and other parent to establish legal parentage free-of-charge.

What is the Uniform Parentage Act?

Effective January 1, 2020, the Uniform Parentage Act allows more people to utilize the Parentage Opportunity Program, reflecting the diversity of California families.

Completing a Voluntary Declaration of Parentage

In most cases, a signed and filed Voluntary Declaration of Parentage (has the same force and effect as a **judgement** or parentage issued by a court.

Birth Certificate

A birth certificate does not legally establish parentage, and filing a VDOP will not automatically change the name on a birth certificate. To get more information on any birth certificate-related topic, contact the California Department of Public Health, Office of Vital Records at **916.445.2684** or email at **VRmail@cdph.ca.gov**.



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For more information

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