

Paternity Opportunity Program



Who can witness a Declaration of Paternity?

In California, representatives from the agencies below are qualified to witness your Declaration:

**Family Law
Facilitator of
Local Court**

**Hospital where
your baby is
born**

**Local
Registrar of
Births & Deaths**

**Notary
Public**

**Local
Child Support
Agency**

**Local
Welfare
Office**

When signing the Declaration outside the state of California, a notary public* is the only qualified witness.

**A notary public may charge a fee for services.*

A Declaration of Paternity must be completed, signed by both parents with signatures properly witnessed, and filed with the California Department of Child Support Services before legal paternity is established.

To find out more about establishing paternity:

- **Call toll-free 1-866-249-0773**
- **E-mail askpop@dcss.ca.gov**
- **Click on the POP link at www.childsup.ca.gov**

**California Department of Child Support Services
Paternity Opportunity Program (POP)
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