

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES**

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August 8, 2003

POP Letter No: 03-05

TO: ALL LCSA PATERNITY OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM COORDINATORS  
ALL BIRTHING HOSPITALS THAT ADMINISTER THE PATERNITY OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

**SUBJECT: SPANISH LANGUAGE PATERNITY OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM VIDEO TAPE, FLYER AND RECORDED MESSAGE REGARDING PARENTS RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Enclosed is your copy of the new Paternity Opportunity Program (POP) Spanish-language video tape entitled "**El Ponder De 2**" (**The Power of Two**). This video was developed by the Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement to ensure hospitals and agencies that administer the POP program will have information available for parents about the voluntary paternity process. Showing this video to parents prior to signing a declaration of paternity form meets requirement of state and federal law to orally inform parents of their rights and responsibilities prior to signing a declaration of paternity.

In response to a suggestion made by a hospital birth clerk, the Department of Child Support Services has added a recorded message on parents rights and responsibilities to our toll free number at (866) 249-0773. The enclosed flyer explains how the English recordings can be accessed. **We will be adding a recording in Spanish to the toll-free line by the end of August 2003.** This will provide another method for satisfying the requirement to orally inform parents of their rights and responsibilities. We believe this alternative will be very helpful. Parents will be able to access the recording toll-free directly from the hospital room. We want to help ensure that all parents fully understand paternity rights and responsibilities prior to signing a declaration of paternity form.



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Hospitals and public agencies are authorized to make additional copies of the video as needed. However, altering or revising the content of the video is prohibited.

If you have any questions about the POP videos, please contact your state DCSS POP analyst listed on the enclosed assignment sheet.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Director  
Division of Child Support Services Program

Enclosures

1-866-249-0773

Call  
POP

**Toll Free**



Use the POP phone line to orally inform parents of their legal rights and responsibilities before signing the paternity declaration.

- *Parents hear consistent information*
- *Information comes directly from the California Department of Child Support Services*
- *Only equipment needed is a telephone*
- *Fulfills legal requirement for oral notification*

Dial



1-866-249-0773

Choose Option 1 for English or  
Option 2 for Spanish

Choose Option 1 for  
Paternity Opportunity Program

Choose Option 1 for  
Parent Rights and Responsibilities

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