



FAST FACTS

Registering births under Oregon's Domestic Partnership Law

Oregon's Family Fairness Act (OFFA) allows same-sex couples to register as legally recognized partners in a domestic partnership. One result of OFFA is the creation of a "Parent/Parent" birth certificate for female same-sex couples to use when registering their newborns.

Based on guidance from the Oregon Department of Justice, the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) will list both the birth mother and her partner on the birth certificates for female same-sex parents who have their baby after becoming registered domestic partners in Oregon and who have conceived the child through medical artificial insemination. In these instances, the Parent/Parent birth certificates will list both partners as the parents.

To ensure that the Parent/Parent birth certificate is produced correctly in the current birth registration system, birth certificate clerks will include the mother's information when completing the birth certificates. The birth certificate clerk will then send the partner's information to DHS and will notify DHS that a Parent/Parent birth certificate needs to be prepared. Once the Parent/Parent certificate is completed, couples will be able to purchase certified copies of the birth certificate.

DHS will require modifications to the birth registration system to allow birth certificate clerks to enter both the mother and her partner's information when completing the birth certificate. DHS expects the modifications to be completed and in use within the next six months.

DHS believes all parents should be treated equally and with respect. Anyone with questions or concerns about this process may call 971-673-1185.