



ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS  
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Greetings:

Summer marks the time for Acknowledgment of Paternity (AOP) certification training by the Child Support Division's Paternity Opportunity Program staff. Seminars are open to new entities needing AOP certification as well as those entities seeking recertification.

In addition to the summer seminars, we now have an exciting new option for recertification. I am pleased to announce the launch of our new **OAG Online AOP Recertification course**. If you have been AOP certified within the past 12 months, you may be eligible to become recertified online. Please visit our website ([www.oag.state.tx.us/cs/hospitals/index.shtml](http://www.oag.state.tx.us/cs/hospitals/index.shtml)) for further details.

Enclosed you will find a list of seminar locations, dates and times as well as a registration form. You must complete the enclosed registration form and fax it to the Paternity Outreach Coordinator in the area where you will attend the AOP training session.

Texas law requires annual certification for each individual who registers births and who talks to unwed parents about establishing the legal relationship between a child and his/her biological father using an AOP form. AOP certification is also a requirement for the Texas Vital Statistics' Birth Registrar Certification. To become AOP certified, you must pass a certification exam after participating in an AOP training course.

If you have any questions regarding AOP certification, I encourage you to visit our website or contact Amanda Esquivel at (512) 460-6338.

Thank you for all you do to help the children of Texas.

Sincerely,

Charles Smith  
Deputy Director for Child Support

Enclosures