



CHILD SUPPORT DIVISION

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Greetings:

The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) would like to announce open registration for our Acknowledgment of Paternity (AOP) Summer Seminars hosted by the Child Support Division's Paternity Opportunity Program (POP). Seminars are open to new entities needing AOP certification as well as those entities seeking recertification.

This year, POP staff will present classroom attendees with the latest AOP training tool, the Acknowledgment of Paternity video. The video helps ensure unmarried parents receive consistent information about the benefits, rights and responsibilities of being a parent while saving you, the certified entity, valuable time. The seminars will serve as a prime opportunity to ask questions about the video and share skills among your peers.

As a reminder, if you have been AOP-certified within the past 12 months, you may be eligible for AOP recertification online. Please visit the AOP Certified Entities page at www.texasattorneygeneral.gov 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 would like to attend AOP training.

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 the AOP certification, please visit our website or contact a Paternity Outreach Coordinator in your area.

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

Sincerely,

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Enclosures