

Unmarried Parents: Make A Positive Choice for Your Child **Add the Dad**



Unmarried parents can easily establish paternity for their child by signing an Acknowledgement of Paternity (AOP) form at the time of birth or after.

A few things to know:

- Both parents will need a valid government issued ID as the form must be notarized.
- In order to be recognized as the child's legal father, the biological father must establish paternity.
- If completed at the hospital as part of birth registration, it's free!
- Give your child the same benefits as children born to married parents.

Virginia Paternity Establishment Program

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