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## *Fast Facts*

### ***Fast Facts: For female Oregon Registered Domestic Partners who are registering the birth of a child***



**Q:** What does the law say about registering a child born to Oregon Registered Domestic Partners?

**A:** Oregon's Family Fairness Act (OFFA) ensures that female same-sex couples who are Oregon Registered Domestic Partners can be listed as the parents of children born to the partnership after the registration.

**Q:** What's new?

**A:** The Oregon birth registration system has been modified to record births for parents who are Registered Domestic Partners in Oregon. The system will now automatically register a Parent/Parent birth certificate that will list both parents. The change took effect October 4, 2008.

**Q:** How will the new process work?

**A:** The Oregon Department of Human Services will list both the birth mother and the second parent on the birth certificates for female same-sex parents who have their baby after becoming Registered Domestic Partners in Oregon. Birth certificate clerks will enter both parents' information when completing the birth certificate forms. No additional forms will need to be completed at the hospital.

**Q:** How do Oregon Registered Domestic Partners get copies of their child's official birth certificate?

**A:** Parents can purchase certified copies of the Parent/Parent certificates once the certificates are registered with the State Vital Records office. Birth certificates also can be purchased from county vital records in the county of birth for six months after the birth.

**Q:** How do parents get more information?

**A:** Information on ordering from the State Vital Records office can be found at <http://oregon.gov/DHS/ph/chs/order/index.shtml>.

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