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# Kansas Paternity (Raising Children without Marriage) Action

*This page will provide information for parents who are unmarried and need court orders to establish parenting time, custody and child support.*

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**A paternity suit** is brought when a Court order is needed to identify the father of a child. This legal action allows the court to order child support and make orders about parenting time. Paternity issues may arise under some of the following circumstances:

- When the child is born to unmarried people and the mother is seeking child support;
  - When the child is born to unmarried people and the state is seeking current or past due child support;
  - When the child is born to unmarried people and the man is seeking to prove that he is the father of that child.
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*Doesn't signing a birth certificate take the place of a paternity action?*

Having the father sign a birth certificate is one of the things that creates a presumption of paternity. However, a court action is still needed so that agreements or Court orders about child support and parenting time can be made and enforced.

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*What if an action has been filed by Child Support Enforcement attorneys to determine paternity and get a child support order?*

You don't need to file a new action. That action establishes paternity and gets child support set. If you need a parenting plan to determine custody and parenting time, you can use the motion to establish parenting time. [Click here.](#)

Other frequently asked questions may provide you with answers to questions you have:

[FAQs on Paternity](#)

You can get more information about many aspects of raising a child together when parents aren't married here:

[Information on Paternity Actions](#)

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*Free legal forms for paternity actions*

Use these forms to file a paternity action. Step by step instructions are a part of the forms when you complete them.

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