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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.

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.

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.

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

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.

File paternity action

Reply to paternity action

Final orders in paternity action

Request to Waive Fil



 [Information on Paternity actions.pdf](#)

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