



PEP UPDATE

Helping Hospitals Help Children through Paternity Establishment

Paternity Establishment Percentage (PEP) for Hospitals

The number of paternity establishments in a year divided by the number of born-out-of-wedlock births in the same year.

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In 2007, nearly 4 in 10 births in the United States were to unmarried women!

The number of births to unmarried women climbed 21% during 2002–2007 per the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. Adult women aged 20 and over have accounted for much of these increases. In recent years, less than one-fourth of nonmarital births were to teenaged women. Despite the currently older age profile of unmarried mothers, concerns remain because their infants are at greater risk of:

- Low birthweight;
- Preterm birth;
- Dying in infancy, and
- Are more likely to live in poverty than babies born to married women.

Important Vital Records Contacts

Hospital staff can refer parents to the following Department of Community Health (DCH) telephone numbers:

1. To speak to a customer service rep about a vital record, call **517-335-8666**.
2. For general information or to get a vital record application, call **517-335-8656**.
3. Regarding a change or correction to a birth or death record, call **517-335-8660** or e-mail sopocyc@michigan.gov . DCH should respond within two business days.

The Hospital Paternity Acknowledgment Guide, 2009 version, is available on the Department of Human Services web-site: http://www.michigan.gov/documents/DHS-Hospital-Paternity-Guide_157259_7.pdf

Please call Kathy Scott at **517-373-0275** if you want a copy mailed to you.

Helpful Websites...

Orchid Cellmark - DNA testing information
<https://www.orchidgenescreen.com//Default.aspx>

DHS site with a special hospital PEP section
http://www.michigan.gov/dhs/0,1607,7-124-5453_5528-133813--,00.html

Offender Tracking Information System (OTIS)
Search for dad's in the state prison system
<http://www.state.mi.us/mdoc/asp/otis2.html>

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Spotlighting Michigan's Top Performing PEP Hospitals through May 2009		
Hospitals (1-500 Unwed Births)	County	PEP %
Community Memorial Hospital	Cheboygan	87.5%
West Shore Medical Center	Manistee	83.3%
Hospitals (501-1000 Unwed Births)	County	PEP %
Huron Valley Sinai Hospital	Oakland	83.0%
William Beaumont – Troy	Oakland	80.8%
Hospitals (Over 1000 Unwed Births)	County	PEP %
William Beaumont – Royal Oak	Oakland	63.4%
St. Joseph Mercy – Ann Arbor	Washtenaw	63.2%

Teen Childbearing

The United States has the highest teen pregnancy and birth rates in the industrialized world. One in three teenage girls becomes pregnant at least once before the age of 20. More than 400,000 children are born to teen mothers in the United States each year. Approximately 80 percent of teen births are to unmarried teen mothers.

In Michigan, in 2004, there were 12,454 births to teens. The Michigan teen birth rate was 34.1 per 1,000 girls aged 15 – 19 (the national rate was 41.1 per 1,000 girls aged 15 – 19). Among all states, the 2004 teen birth rate in Michigan ranks 18th (50 = highest).

The Public Costs of Teen Childbearing Nationally

- Teen childbearing cost taxpayers at least \$9.1 billion a year as of November 2006.
In Michigan
- A new analysis from the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy shows that teen childbearing (teens 19 and younger) cost taxpayers (federal, state, and local) at least \$302 million in 2004.
- The costs of childbearing are greatest for younger teens. In Michigan, the average annual cost associated with a child born to a mother 17 and younger is \$4,951.

For more information, including a national report and state-by-state comparisons, please visit www.teenpregnancy.org/costs.