



# PEP Update March 2014

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## Helping Hospitals Help Children Through Paternity Establishment

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### Greetings From the Paternity Establishment Liaison!

Hospitals help form a backbone for Michigan's Paternity Establishment Percentage (PEP). In 2013, over 48,000 children were born to unmarried parents. Your efforts helped the unmarried parents of almost 32,000 children sign an Affidavit of Parentage and establish paternity.



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### Establishing paternity gives a child:

- A chance to have a relationship with both parents;
- A sense of family identity and belonging;
- A chance to learn about family health and medical history; and
- Financial and economic benefits, such as child support payments, health insurance, social security, pensions and veterans' benefits.

**We sincerely appreciate all you do. Keep up the good work!**

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## Save the Date! Hospital Training Webinar/Teleconference *Thursday, April 10, 2014 , 1-2 p.m.*

Please join us for an informational training webinar for hospital staff who work with unwed parents.

### Topics will include:

- How medical records staff affect Michigan families;
- Michigan's Paternity Establishment Percentage (PEP);
- Hospitals' legal responsibilities for helping parents establish paternity;
- Best practices from medical records staff; and
- Resources for hospitals.

### Register Today!

Email Ellen Wood at  
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## Spotlight - Community Partners in Paternity Establishment

Paternity Establishment Liaison, Ellen Wood, spends part of her days doing outreach work and visiting partners who establish paternity for families, including hospital facilities, county clerk's offices and county family courts.

Ellen travels statewide to coordinate meetings with partners in the paternity establishment process. In these meetings, staff share their experiences in working with families and their ideas for improving their practices to increase PEP performance. Some of their PEP tips will be shared during the **hospital training**

**webinar/teleconference on April 10**. Ellen's travels have led her to Escanaba for a visit at **OSF St. Francis Hospital** and the **Delta County Prosecuting Attorney's** office. She also visited with health information staff at **McLaren Central Michigan** in Mount Pleasant and **MidMichigan Medical Center** in Alma.



From left to right: Ellen Wood, Penny Pefferman, Sandra King-Heaven, and Jana Schafer at McLaren Central Michigan, February 2014



# Statistics



**Thanks to hospital staff, Michigan's statewide 2013 PEP performance number was 90.85%!**

### Paternity Establishment Percentage (PEP)

The number of children for whom paternity is established in a year divided by the number of children born to unmarried parents in the same year.

### Michigan's Top Performing PEP Hospitals Year-End 2013

Hospitals (5 to 500 Unwed Births)	County	PEP
Keweenaw Memorial Medical Center	Houghton	97%
Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital	Oakland	87%
Hospitals (501 to 1000 Unwed Births)	County	PEP
Munson Medical Center	Grand Traverse	80%
Genesys Health Park	Genesee	79%
Holland Community Hospital	Ottawa	77%
Hospitals (Over 1000 Unwed Births)	County	PEP
Bronson Methodist Hospital	Kalamazoo	70%
Hackley Hospital & Medical Center	Muskegon	76%