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Let your little one thrive with emotional and financial support from both parents. Establish legal fatherhood (called “paternity”) at the hospital when your baby is born. It could help them live a happier, healthier, more successful life.

## The Benefits of Having Both Parents Involved

- **Identity:** Children deserve to know who they are and to have a sense of family belonging.
- **Support:** Children do better when their parents share the cost of taking care of them.
- **Benefits:** Children have a right to benefits from both parents, such as health insurance, Social Security and veterans benefits.
- **Medical:** It’s good to know the medical history of both parents.

## 4 Things You Need to Do Before Dad’s Name Goes on the Birth Certificate

1. Bring a photo ID to the hospital.
2. Read the affidavit the hospital gives you.
3. Sign the affidavit at the hospital when your child is born – it’s FREE. (Both parents sign.)
4. Ask questions if you are unsure.



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