

Fees

Are there fees associated with paternity affidavits?

There are no fees associated with paternity affidavits if the purpose of filing the form is related to a child support case.

Are there fees associated with genetic testing?

TCSP does not charge for this service if testing is related to child support. As a courtesy, the TCSP will perform tests on behalf of enrollment and/or bədaʔcəʔ. If we administer the test on their behalf, clients will have to inquire about fees that department may charge.

Individuals that would like to take a genetic test not related to any of the above purposes will be subject to the current fee schedule.

Appointments

Clients are required to make an appointment to have a genetic test completed. We accept appointments during regular business hours.

If you have any further questions about paternity establishment; genetic testing or child support please feel free to contact us at (360) 716-4556

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PATERNITY TESTING



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Paternity

The following information addresses client's frequently asked questions about genetic testing and paternity. Our staff encourages clients to read the following information carefully and ask any questions necessary to familiarize themselves with both processes.

What is paternity?

In child support, paternity is the term used to determine the father of a child. Paternity needs to be established before child support can be enforced.

How is paternity legally established?

Paternity is established in one of three methods:

- 1) Marriage/birth certificate: The hospital staff places the name of the spouse/significant other on the birth certificate unless disputed otherwise.
- 2) Paternity Affidavit: A legal form where a male voluntarily acknowledges being the father of a child. (Form typically used to update a child's birth certificate who did not have a named father of a child at time of birth.)

Where can clients go to complete a paternity affidavit?

Paternity affidavits are available at the following locations: Tulalip Child Support Program Office; The Tulalip Health Clinic; Bellingham; hospitals and birthing clinics.

Clients can also contact WA State Division of Child Support (DSC) at (800) 442-5437 and request that the receptionist send on to their residence.

Genetic Testing

When does a client need to complete a genetic test?

Genetic tests are used when a mother is unsure of who the father is of her child(ren). This can be required through a court order OR be a voluntarily decision made by the mother and alleged father.

Where are genetic tests administered?

The TCSP has a certified staff member that administers these tests. Clients must make an appointment to have a test completed.

Who will need to be present for a test?

The child and alleged father will need to be tested. However, the child and alleged father DO NOT need to take the test at the same time. The mother/guardian and child can arrange to visit our office on a different date than the father, if preferred. The mother's participation in the test is recommended but not necessary.

Test Procedure

What is the procedure?

Step 1: A TCSP paternity questionnaire/interview is completed by the child's guardian prior to the test. (Questionnaires can be completed at a separate appointment or the same day of test).

Step 2: It only takes 30 - 60 minutes to complete the test process. All that is required of each person is: a buccal swab of each cheek and a photograph.

Step 3: TCSP staff gathers the buccal swabs and photos and send them to the genetic company's laboratory.

Step 4: TCSP notifies all parties to the case upon receipt of lab results. Processing the tests takes approximately 3 to 4 weeks to complete.

How many times can a test be taken?

Tests may be administered to the point that the paternity test is determined. However, if parties to a case do not agree with the results and request another test with the same parties, then the clients may be subject to a fee.

