

**State Louisiana**  
**Department of Children and Family Services**  
**Child Support Enforcement Section**

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Telephone

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Date

Re: Paternity Declaration

\_\_\_\_\_  
Child's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Alleged Parent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lases Case Number

Louisiana law at LA R.S. 40:34(E) provides for a limited administrative process to establish paternity. Under this section of the law, Child Support Enforcement, is authorized to send a notice to the alleged father advising him that he has been named as the father of a child born outside of marriage. The alleged father then has 90 days to contest the allegation of paternity. If he fails to do so, he is presumed to be the father of the child for support purposes only. The State or the custodial parent of the child can then use the presumption to file a rule to set support.

According to Vital Records, you previously indicated that \_\_\_\_\_ is the father of your child, \_\_\_\_\_. Accordingly, the State attempted to serve Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ with a notice that he is alleged to be the father. The purpose of this letter is to advise you of the results of that action.

The alleged father:

- Did not respond to the notice, and he is presumed to be the father of the child. You can now pursue action to obtain an order of support if you wish.
- Has signed the attached acknowledgement of paternity, and is recognized as the father of the child. You can now pursue action to obtain an order of support if you wish.
- Denies paternity. In order to pursue the issue of support, you must first establish paternity.
- Denies paternity and requested a genetic test.
- Did not receive the notice because of an insufficient address, or because he refused to accept service.

To pursue the issue of establishing paternity, or establishing an order of support, you may contact a private attorney, or you may apply for services with the State by contacting the Child Support Enforcement office in your area. To apply for State services, there is a one time application fee of \$25.00 for persons who do not receive FITAP or Medicaid.

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Department Representative