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TO: LOCAL REGISTRARS OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS
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SUBJECT: 2016 BIRTH DATA QUALITY WORKSHOPS

Birth Data
Quality
Workshops

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Vital Records (VR) is pleased to announce eight Birth Data Quality Workshops scheduled for the period March 2, 2016, through October 27, 2016. These workshops are an excellent opportunity to provide assistance to birth clerks, nurse managers, and local registrars with birth registration issues and to offer a forum for sharing ideas and information.

The Regional Perinatal Program Coordinators, Paternity Opportunity Program, and CDPH-VR staff will present at this year's workshops. Specific items to be addressed include reference tools to aid hospitals and local registrars in birth registration, the new birth certificate effective January 1, 2016 (Assembly Bill 1951, Chapter 334, Statutes of 2014), timely registration, improving birth data quality, and the Paternity Opportunity Program. There will be an opportunity for an open mic discussion to address any questions or issues raised.

Please see the enclosed agenda for additional information.

Workshop
Dates and
Locations

Workshops are being held in different locations throughout the state to offer attendees convenient, centralized locations, and to foster discussions on specific regional concerns and needs. Please see the enclosed registration notice for exact dates and locations of the workshops.



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Registration Form Please complete the enclosed registration form and email the form to Heather.Kellogg@cdph.ca.gov. You may also fax the registration form to (916) 323-2579. The registration form should be forwarded to CDPH-VR at least two weeks prior to the date of the workshop you would like to attend. Each workshop is a half-day training session that begins with registration at 8:00 a.m.

Local Registrar Responsibility Local registrars are requested to forward this information to all hospital and birthing center staff in their registration districts that are responsible for registering births. This training is especially important for all staff involved in the birth certificate process, including birth clerks, nursing staff, and administration staff.

Questions If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Birth and Marriage Registration Section at (916) 445-8494.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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Enclosures