



**It's All About Your Genes**  
**Frequently Asked Questions About Genetic Testing**

**Q: What should I do if I'm not sure I'm the father of a child?**

**A:** Get a genetic test (DNA test)! They are very reliable.

**Q: Where can I get a genetic test?**

**A:** You can go to an OKDHS Oklahoma Child Support Services (OCSS) office and open a case to establish paternity or you can go to a private lab.

**Q: How much will it cost?**

**A:** At OKDHS OCSS you will not pay for the test unless the results show you are the father. If you are the father the cost for testing is less than \$100. Private labs may charge up to \$1000 and you must pay for the test even when you are not the father.

**Q: How is a genetic test done?**

**A:** A swab is used to collect cells from the mouth.

**Q: What is required to legally establish paternity?**

**A:** Genetic test results must be 99% or greater to show a legal certainty of paternity in Oklahoma.

**Q: Does everyone have to be tested at the same time and at the same place?**

**A:** No. Tests can be done wherever the parties live, whether they are in different states or different countries.

**Q: Can paternity be established if the alleged father has died?**

**A:** A specimen must be collected at the time of death and shipped to the laboratory immediately for testing to be performed. The alleged father's relatives can also be tested to determine paternity of the deceased alleged father, if they agree to cooperate.

**Need more information about genetic testing?**

**Call Oklahoma Child Support Services (OCSS)**

**1-800-522-2922**

**TTY 1-866-264-4767**

**or visit your local OCSS office for an application for services**

