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New statewide birth record database offers wider availability

Ohioans can now obtain certified birth certificates at local health departments across the state

Marion, Ohio- Marion Public Health is announcing participation in a State-wide improvement in customer service for individuals wishing to purchase a certified copy of an Ohio birth record.

Local registrar offices throughout the state will have access to issue an Ohio birth record regardless of the county where the birth occurred. Prior to this improvement, a person would need to purchase a copy from the county where the birth occurred or from the state office of vital statistics.

“These changes will help to streamline birth record requests across the state and more quickly connect Ohioans with birth records,” said Carol White, Local Registrar. “This will be very helpful for people needing a birth record in a hurry, since a person will now be able to travel to the closest office and purchase the record they need.”

According to a press release from the Ohio Department of Health, Office of Public Affairs, the implementation of ODH’s birth and death registration system was noted as innovative by the Public Health Accreditation Board earlier this year. The project began in 2006, with scanning and keying index information of over 20 million vital records into the state database. With this effort complete, all local health departments will now be able to access and issue a certified birth abstract for Ohio birth records dating back to 1908.

Carol added that participation by local departments is optional and not all offices may choose to participate. Currently this State-wide availability does not apply to certified copies of death certificates. Marion Public Health Office of Vital Statistics is located on the 3rd floor of Marion City Hall with office hours of 8:00am-4:30pm Monday through Friday. The application for birth certificates is available in the office or on the Marion Public Health website at www.marionpublichealth.org

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