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Department of Health Joins Multi-State Effort to Provide Birth Certificates

SANTA FE, NM – The New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) will join the Navajo Nation Office of Vital Records and Identification and other state vital record agencies from Arizona and Colorado to sponsor a multi-day, multi-state Delayed Birth Certificate Registration Event on September 10, 11, and 12th in Shiprock, New Mexico.

This multi-state event will run from 12:30–3:00 p.m. on September 10 and 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on September 11th and 12th at the Shiprock Youth Complex, located at 4198 US 491.

This multi-state event is the second consecutive year these agencies will be all in one place to help people born in New Mexico, Arizona, or Colorado, and who have never had a birth certificate to apply for a delayed birth certificate. Vital Records staff from each state agency will be there to assist in reviewing documentation that could lead to the creation of a birth certificate.

Anyone applying for a delayed birth registration must be able to prove their name at birth, their date of birth, place of birth and their parent’s names and that they were born in New Mexico, Arizona, or Colorado.

Customers are encouraged to bring payment and documents necessary to have a birth certificate created. Please check each state’s website for specific fees and documents to bring.

For New Mexico, primary documents you need include:
- Two documents with name at birth
- Two documents with date at birth
- Two documents with place of birth
- One document with parentage (including mother's maiden name)

In addition, this is a partial list of items you can bring (MUST BE ORGINALS OR CERTIFIED COPIES):
- Voter Registration application
- Marriage application
- Tribal birth affidavit
- Medical records
- Baptismal Certificate
- The persons original Social Security SS-5 form
- Military Records including a DD-214
- Cumulative school records
- Insurance policies (medical, life, etc.)
- Other documents that would have their birth facts (Name at birth, date of birth, place of birth, parentage)

For more information, call our Vital Records office at 1-866-534-0051 or visit https://nmhealth.org/about/erd/bvrhs/vrp/. Vital Record information for Arizona, Colorado and the Navajo Nation can also be found at the hyperlinks provided.