

Working Together – Birth Registration Improvement and EVVE® United States

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Protecting Personal Identity

Promoting Public Health

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- NAPHSIS, the Jurisdictions, CDC, and their partners have worked together over many years to improve birth registration in the United States
 - Model Law and Regulations
 - Standard Certificates
 - Sharing Best Practices
 - Collaboration on Projects
- As a result, births are registered more quickly than in the past and data quality is improved
 - Civil Registration needs
 - Electronic Verification of Vital Events (EVVE®)
 - Public Health Data Needs

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- ▶ **NAPHSIS, established in 1933**
 - Promotes importance of vital records and the professionals that are involved in the process of registration
 - In the United States there are two main functions of vital records
 - Civil Registration
 - Public Health Data
 - **NAPHSIS Membership – 57 Jurisdictions**
 - 50 States
 - 5 United States Territories
 - 2 Cities – New York City, District of Columbia
 - Establishes and promotes national standards
 - Registration is a state responsibility
 - Fosters partnerships and facilitates communication

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- ▶ Model Law, Regulations, and Standard Certificates
 - Development of all of these have been joint projects with NAPHSIS, vital records professionals in states, researchers, clinicians, and staff from CDC
 - They are developed to encourage uniformity
 - Items collected
 - Criteria for collection
 - Laws and regulations for processes for collection
 - 100% of births are registered electronically in the United States
 - Hospitals are responsible for registering births
 - Model Law states 5 calendar days

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▶ Model Law and Regulations

- As early as 1907 it was recommended that states collect a minimum number of items
- Most recent revisions have included changes to incorporate the use of technology and to update language regarding societal changes around registration

▶ Standard Certificates

- There have been 12 issues of the standard certificate of live birth
 - These changes have reflected evolving needs for public health use

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▶ Sharing Best Practices

- NAPHSIS Annual and Regional Meetings
- Committee Structure
- Training Opportunities
- National Calls
- Networking with Adjoining States

▶ Collaboration

- VSCP – Vital Statistics Cooperative Program
 - Incentivized more timely registration of vital records
 - States must collect certain items, but also have the freedom to add state specific items
- EVVE®
 - A NAPHSIS Solution in conjunction with the 57 jurisdictions

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- ▶ **EVVE® – Electronic Verification of Vital Events**
 - ▶ EVVE® Birth has been in operation since 2002
 - ▶ EVVE® Messaging Hub is operated by NAPHSIS in conjunction with our vendor, LexisNexis Vital Chek
 - ▶ Birth and death information are stored and maintained at each state's computer center
 - ▶ **No birth and death data is stored on the EVVE® Hub**
 - ▶ Each state maintains control over which customers may submit queries
 - ▶ EVVE® allows a user to verify the authenticity of a certified copy of a paper birth certificate
 - ▶ There are fees associated with EVVE which decrease as a user's volume of inquiries increases

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- ▶ RENAPO and EVVE®
 - June 2016, Agreement was signed
 - August 18, 2016 RENAPO began using EVVE®
 - Currently 34 of 57 states have given RENAPO permission to query their births
 - Two users at RENAPO
 - 268 births have been submitted for verification
 - Overall match rate is 78%

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- ▶ NAPHSIS – RENAPO and EVVE® Next Steps
 - NAPHSIS to survey remaining states for participation
 - Working with LNVC and states regarding no matches
 - Phase 2, Birth Certifications

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- ▶ In summary,
 - The increasing mobility of society has made it important that all civil registration agencies work together.
 - Ideally this enables births to be registered in a more timely manner to meet the needs of citizens of all countries to prove identity for various reasons; work, travel, and education to name a few.
 - Thank you for allowing me to share part of our story with you today.