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2013 List of Electronic Registration System (EBRS) Champions

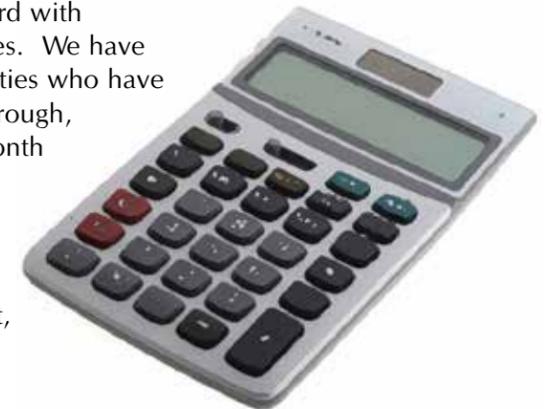
Chapter 382.013 F.S. requires birth records to be registered within 5 calendar days after date of birth. Florida currently has 142 EBRS (Electronic Birth Registration System) facilities and we are proud to announce that 99% of all electronic birth records were filed on time in 2013. A more amazing fact is that forty-five of these facilities maintained a 100%

on time filing rate all year long; that's eight more than 2012. The champions list was sent to all EBRS facilities and county health departments in January. We hope to see an increase in the number of facilities that make the "List of Champions" every year. Congratulations to the "Champions" and keep up the great work!

Tax Collector Update

Counties, tax collectors, and the state office continue moving forward with implementation of birth certification issuance in the tax collector offices. We have completed the pilot phase and are beginning to roll out to those counties who have contacted us with an interest in participating in the program. Hillsborough, Pasco, and Palm Beach counties will be coming online in the next month or so. We will also be contacting counties in the Northeast Florida area that have expressed an interest; we are always interested in the practical side and it is expedient to approach them in this next phase, much like we did with our system roll outs.

If the county is approached by their tax collector about the project, please refer them to the state office. They should contact Ken Jones, Sharon Dover, or Ana Goold.



Florida's Top 20 First Names

Male		Female	
1. Jayden	11. Alexander	1. Isabella	11. Victoria
2. Jacob	12. Matthew	2. Sophia	12. Chloe
3. Liam	13. Gabriel	3. Emma	13. Elizabeth
4. Noah	14. Joshua	4. Olivia	14. Gabriella
5. Michael	15. Aiden	5. Mia	15. Ella
6. Mason	16. Lucas	6. Ava	16. Lily
7. Nathan	17. Christopher	7. Emily	17. Amelia
8. Daniel	18. David	8. Abigail	18. Aubrey
9. Elijah	19. William	9. Sofia	19. Samantha
10. Anthony	20. Christian	10. Madison	20. Zoey

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Spotlight on... Calhoun & Liberty Counties

This issue we focus on two Florida counties: Liberty and Calhoun County. Liberty County is a county located in the heart of Northwest Florida. The county is the least populous and least-densely populated of all of Florida's counties with a 2010 Census population of 8365. Liberty County was established on December 15, 1855, paying homage, by its name, to the sentiment of the American people. Neighboring to the northwest is Calhoun County which was created in 1838 and named for the South Carolina US Senator and 7th US Vice President John C. Calhoun.

Today, both counties with populations over 23,000 have a small, but efficient vital statistics crew. With 22 years of combined experience, they are led by Chief Deputy Registrar, Cyndy Byler. Her deputy registrars are Dawn Greene and Theresa Mallory. Cyndy boasts, "Over the past six months, Theresa and Dawn attended Vitals training in Jacksonville. They both shared the knowledge gained from the training has given them a better understanding and respect their responsibilities as a Deputy Registrar." Serving four funeral homes, their office issued 1592 death certifications and 989 birth certifications. Though the two vitals offices are only 4 miles apart, one must cross the Apalachicola River and it takes you to the Central Time Zone!

They may be small but they are mighty. Keep up the great customer service, Liberty and Calhoun Counties!



Pictured from L-R: Dawn Green, DR, Cyndy Byler, CDR, Theresa Mallory, DR

Funeral Director's Corner

■ **Burial Transit Permits** - The E-permit, part of EDRS, must be supplied to the cemetery or crematory at the time of final disposition, regardless if there is a cemetery sexton or not. Just because there is no longer the 3 part Burial Transit form does not mean the form is no longer used. EDRS allows for the permit to be printed strictly for this purpose. Once the Decedent and Disposition tabs are completed, click on Requests and then Print Burial Transit Permit.

■ **"Replacement/Permanent" records** (unpending ME Records) - the funeral director has 7 days to open the record thru the proper pathway and make any demographic changes.

- Go to **SEARCH>DEATH**
- Key in tracking number and **DISPLAY**
- Post Reg Status of record should indicate **Replacement-Awaiting FD Update**
- Once record status is confirmed, go to **REQUESTS>AMENDMENTS>ME REPLACEMENT**, which opens the record for demographic changes
- After changes are complete, go to **FILE>SAVE** to complete the registration of the record with cause. Post Reg Status should now reflect Replacement-FD Update

- Record is now ready for issuance of death certifications with cause.
- **EDRS funeral home and paper records** – Once a funeral home has converted to EDRS, they can no longer file paper death records. In an emergency situation (power outage, major computer issues, hurricane, etc.) where it might be necessary to file a paper death record, the funeral director must contact the helpdesk to get permission to file paper. CDRs cannot accept paper death records from EDRS funeral homes without first determining why a paper record is being filed and then obtaining permission from the state office helpdesk.

Welcome Aboard

The following appointments have been mad in the county health department:

Chief Deputy Registrar

Wendy Simpson.....	Alachua County
Margaret Cronham	Brevard County
Sandra Young.....	Clay County
Kathie Paterson.....	Franklin County
Fontella Mitchell.....	Jefferson County
Yvette Rolon.....	Seminole County

"The greatest wealth is health" ~ Virgil

Changes in Latitude

Quality Assurance is pleased to introduce Kathleen Patton as the newest member of the Quality Assurance team. Kathleen comes to us from Clay County where she was the Chief Deputy Registrar and has over fourteen years experience with the Department of Health. She also served as a member of CDRAC (Chief Deputy Registrar Advisory Committee), which provided valuable

feedback and guidance on Vital Statistics issues to and from the state office and all 67 counties.

We're sure you'll be just as pleased as we are to have Kathleen on our team!



September 2013 CDR~DR Training

The last CDR-DR Training for the year was held at the state office in Jacksonville, September 25-27, 2013. We received positive feedback, as well as suggestions from the wonderful group of participants in the training.

Obtaining valuable knowledge is the goal, but being able to network with your peers is always an opportunity that should not be passed up. A number of attendees have stated they are keeping in contact with one another. What a great benefit!

We'd like to congratulate the graduating class from our Fall training session: Debra Fischer (Gulf County), Donna Beck (Walton County), Carmense Antoine (Orange County), Sandra Oglesby (Bradford & Union Counties), Connie Pace (Union County), Stella Villanueva (St Johns County), Diane Lima (Wakulla County), Magon Platt (Nassau County), Paul Marz (Volusia County), Alicia Cummings (Lake County), and Glenn Church (Collier County). Your success makes the effort worthwhile.

One of the advantages of the trainings being held at the state office is the ability to draw from a variety of subject experts. We'd like to gratefully acknowledge our in-house experts for their contributions: Mary Boutte' (QA), Jim Ballard (Vital Records), Theresa Gazaleh (Vital Records), Michele Watterson (QA), Lorraine Kratz (QA), Ray Herz (Administration), Betty Shannon (Amendments), Gwen McNeil (Amendments), Sheila Perez (Adoptions), Dorothy Palmer (Paternity), Rhonda Deese (Corrections), and Ana Goold (QA).

Please note that the training is developed for Vitals Statistics staff only, and access to e-Vitals is essential to the training.

January 2014 CDR~DR Training

A full roster of participants attended the CDR/DR Training that was held in Jacksonville on January 22-24, 2014. We would like to thank our subject matter experts who participated in this training session: Mary Boutte' (Safety Paper & Tax Collector), Michele Watterson (EBRS), Kathleen Patton (Transmittals), Mike Edwards (EDRS), Jim Ballard and Theresa Gazaleh (Issuance), Gwen McNeil, Rhonda Deese, Tina Crawford & Cristina Serrano (Amendments), Lorraine Kratz (CDR Duties & Responsibilities and Compliance), Neia Castellon (Paper Records), and Ray Herz (e-Vitals).

Congratulations to the graduating class: Lamont Riddick (Orange – CDR), Sandra Young (Clay – CDR), Donna Valle (Clay – Administrator), Debra Weston (Gadsden – CDR), Lynne Langley (Calhoun – DR), Theresa Mallory (Liberty – DR), Camille Foreman (Manatee – DR), Teaira Brown (Bay – DR), Lisa Daniels (Duval – DR), Dany Davenport-Frigerio (St. Johns – DR), Riva Hollanquest (Okaloosa – DR), and Timothy Swallows (St. Johns – DR). Thank you so much for taking the time out of your busy schedules, and for sharing a little bit of yourselves with the group.

As a reminder, we are now holding the CDR/DR training at the state office quarterly. The next training is tentatively scheduled for April 23-25, 2014, and is being organized by Quality Assurance Field Representative, Michele Watterson. If you or a member of your Vital Statistics staff are interested in attending an upcoming CDR/DR Training, please email Michele Watterson at: Michele.Watterson@FLHealth.gov.

Bits 'n Pieces

Birth Registrars:
■ A reminder when faxing a Live Birth Review Sheet (LBRS) to the state with manual paternity signatures be sure to fax them as soon as the record's status changes to Awaiting State Confirmation. You must allow two days for the LBRS to be electronically attached to the birth record.

This is part of your 5-day compliance.
■ When you are entering a record for a surrogate pregnancy, contact the state's vital statistics helpdesk, 866-295-5902 for guidance in proper filing procedures. We are here to help!