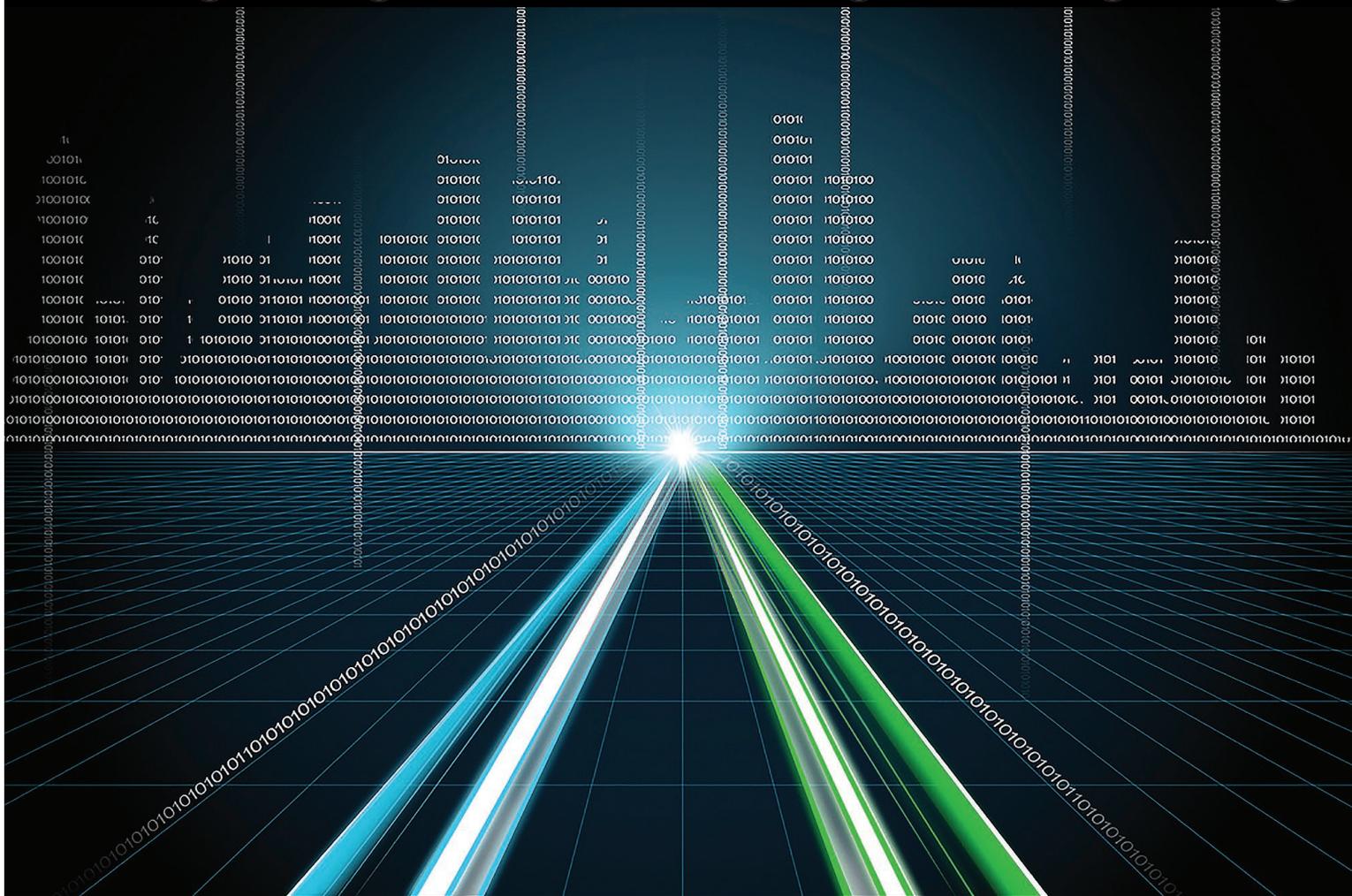


Modernizing Vital Records

Navigating the Technological Highway



59th Annual Vital Statistics Conference

December 11-13, 2013

The Renaissance Austin Hotel
Austin, Texas



DO YOUR PART—BE SECURITY SMART!

In this modern-technology era, protecting one's confidential information is vitally important. You do not want your Social Security number, bank account, credit card numbers, and driver's license information to fall into the wrong hands!

Equally important to that list is a birth certificate, which contains information that would aid any criminal in becoming someone else. Texans need to make a concentrated effort to protect their birth certificates.

A birth certificate contains not only your date and place of birth but also your parent's name(s).

Get your birth certificate back after you use it.



Greetings from the State Registrar

Welcome, everyone, to the 59th Annual Vital Statistics Conference! On behalf of the Vital Statistics Unit (VSU) and the Texas Public Health Association, we invite this year's participants to join us in a collaborative learning opportunity between members of the vital statistics registration system to improve communication, increase connections, and strengthen partnerships.

This year, we are:

Modernizing Vital Records: Navigating the Technological Highway

Our theme reaffirms our state's commitment as a leader in innovation. As we advance, we discover new methods of processing vital records, from enhancing already successful techniques to adopting solutions that were unavailable to us a decade ago. These solutions strengthen the ability to modernize the security, efficiency, and quality of vital information.

In keeping with our theme, we are honored to welcome Michelle Williamson, Senior Health Informatics Scientist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention — National Center for Health Statistics, to the 59th Annual Vital Statistics Conference.



We are looking forward to seeing you at the Awards Luncheon on Thursday to recognize your efforts and dedication to vital statistics. In addition, please take some time to meet with our exhibitors, who will be offering valuable information and goodies.

This year's agenda includes sessions on vital statistics statutes, technology modernization, Rider 72, security issues, legislative updates, and functions of birth, death, and marriage reporting. Presentations for open discussion of hot topics will be made available in all areas of vital records. In addition, we will be highlighting our updated website and VSU Frequently Asked Questions page.

Thank you for your efforts and diligence in reaching this shared vision of excellence in vital registration for the citizens of Texas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Geraldine R. Harris".

Geraldine R. Harris
State Registrar

Things You Need to Know

Important conference features to help you get the most from your conference experience:

- **Registration** - Begins at 11:00 am on Wednesday and again at 7:00 am on Thursday at the conference registration desk. Be sure to pick up your conference materials at that time.
- **Keynote** - We are honored to feature this year's Keynote Speaker, **Michelle Williamson**, Senior Health Informatics Scientist from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) – National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). Mrs. Williamson will speak on “**eVitals Standards Initiative**”
- **Exhibitors** - Commercial and state agency exhibitors will be located on the Atrium Level of the hotel throughout the duration of the conference. Plan to visit them for valuable information and goodies!
- **Awards Luncheon** - We will recognize this year's “Five Star” Award winners in the categories of Local Registrar, Hospital/Birthing Center/Midwife, and Funeral Home/Mortuary Service. Recognition will also be presented by the Office of Attorney General and DSHS's ImmTrac Program. Awards will be distributed and photographs taken at the end of the Awards Luncheon, after every winner has been called and recognized.
- **Breakfast and Breaks** - The Exhibitor Area will be the site of Thursday and Friday breakfasts (7:00-7:50 am) and all scheduled breaks.
- **Evaluations** - Your feedback helps us make subsequent conferences more meaningful, educational, and fun. Please complete evaluations for each session you attend and submit them to the session monitors. Complete the Overall Conference Evaluation located with your conference materials and turn it in at the registration desk before you leave.
- **Conference Materials** - Session presentations and other relevant materials will be available online at the Vital Statistics website, www.texasvsu.org after the conference.

Continuing Education

Please refer to the breakout session descriptions located in the conference program to determine which session will satisfy continuing education requirements.

- **AHIMA Members** - Sign in at the Continuing Education/Registration Desk on the American Hospital Information Management Association (AHIMA) sign-in sheet. Pick up CEU certificates at the end of the conference at the Continuing Education/Registration Desk.
- **Birth Registrar Certification** - Keep the certificate of attendance with your other BRC certification documents.
- **County & District Clerks (C&DCA)** - Sign in at the Continuing Education/Registration Desk on the County & District Clerks Association sign-in sheet for CEUs. Complete the CEU certification form and mail to the address on the form.
- **Funeral Directors (TFSC)** - Sign in at the beginning of each session on the designated Continuing Education Attendance roster that will be passed around by the session monitors. At the end of each session you will receive a certificate of completion for that session from the session monitors.
- **Justice of the Peace (TJCTC)** - Sign in at the Continuing Education/Registration Desk on the designated Justice of the Peace sign-in sheet for CEUs. Complete the CEU certification form and mail to the address on the form.
- **Midwives** - Sign in at the Continuing Education/Registration Desk on the designated midwife sign-in sheet for CEUs. Pick up CEU certificate at the end of the conference at the Continuing Education/Registration Desk.

Keynote Speaker

Michelle Williamson

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“eVitals Standards Initiative”

This presentation will provide an overview of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/National Center for Health Statistics eVitals Standards Initiative to provide support for the development of vital records standards to enable interoperable electronic data exchanges among electronic health record systems, U.S. vital records systems and potentially other public health information systems for birth, death, and fetal death events.

Michelle Williamson is a Senior Health Informatics Scientist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/National Center for Health Statistics. For the past 13 years, she has served as the Centers’ primary voting representative to provide public health representation in the development and implementation of national healthcare standards and to identify and promote the inclusion of data to meet the needs of population health.

Mrs. Williamson supports:

- Development of standards in the Standards Development Organizations: Health Level Seven International;
- Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise;
- The Accredited Standards Committee X12, and
- The activities of the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS) Standards Subcommittee.

The NCVHS serves as the statutory public advisory body to the Secretary of Health and Human Services in the area of health data and statistics. This year, Mrs. Williamson received the **2013 CDC/ATSDR Honors Award for Excellence in Information Technology**.

Much of the focus of Mrs. Williamson’s activities over the past few years has been to support the development of standards that will enable and improve data exchange and interoperability between electronic health record systems and vital records systems for birth, death, and fetal death reporting.

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Wednesday, December 11, 2013

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Vital Statistic Unit (VSU) Tour

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Ballroom A

Session: **Detecting Fraud**

Speaker: **Stephen Berkley**



This session will provide a description of fraud prevention and physical security practice that the Department of Public Safety performs. It will include information on document acceptance standards for Texas Driver License and/or Identification Certification and validation methods of documents.

Continuing Education: C & DCA

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Ballroom B

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2:40 PM – 4:10 PM

Ballroom A

Session: **Life of a Death Certificate**

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This session will provide information on how a death certificate is created, the parties involved, and how the death certificate receives a state file number.

Continuing Education: C & DCA, TFSC, AHIMA, TJCTC

2:40 PM – 4:10 PM

Ballroom B

Session: **New Rules in Election Panel**

Speakers: **Betsy Schonhoff, Steven Bell, and Marc Connelly**



This session will discuss the new EIC rules and Voter's Abstract Information. Please come prepared to ask our panel any questions you may have regarding this new issue.

Facilitator: **Albert Rivera**

Continuing Education: C & DCA, TJCTC

Wednesday, December 11, 2013

2:40 PM – 4:10 PM

Wedgewood

Session: **Birth Registration Statutes and Rules**

Speaker: **Soo Teal**

This session will review statutes, rules, and policies related to birth registration and issuance in the state of Texas.

Continuing Education: BRC, AHIMA, C & DCA, Midwives



4:10 PM – 4:30 PM

Break in Exhibitor Area

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

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Session: **Unusual Birth Scenarios**

Speaker: **Albert Rivera**

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Continuing Education: C & DCA, AHIMA, BRC, Midwives



4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Ballroom B

Session: **Passports**

Speakers: **Vanessa Winins**

A discussion of fraudulently filed passport applications using Texas birth certificates.

Continuing Education: C & DCA, TJCTC



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Wedgewood

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Speaker: **Susanna Sparkman**

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Conference Sessions Symbols



Recommended Audience:
Birth Registrars
Local Registrars



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Local Registrars
County Clerks



Recommended Audience:
Funeral Homes
Medical Certifiers
Local Registrars



Recommended Audience:
All

Thursday, December 12, 2013

7:00 AM - 7:50 AM

Breakfast in Exhibitor Area

8:00 AM - 9:45 AM

Ballrooms A and B

Session: **Welcome and Conference Opening Session**

Speakers: **Geraldine Harris** and **Dr. David Lakey**

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Session: **2013 Master Registrar Certification Graduation**

Announcer: **Albert Rivera**

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

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10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Ballroom B

Session: **Rider 72**

Speaker: **Lonzo Kerr**

This session will review Rider 72 and the five recommendations developed that address the security and effectiveness of the state's birth record information system.

Continuing Education: C & DCA, TJCTC



10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Trinity

Session: **Death Ethics**

Speaker: **Kyle Smith**

This session will review ethics for funeral directors and embalmers.

Continuing Education: TFSC



Thursday, December 12, 2013

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Wedgewood

Session: **Technology Modernization**

Speakers: **Tim Patterson**, and **Kirk Jones**

The session will cover technology and its impact on vital records, including information enhancements (TxEver and VSU Modernization Program).

Continuing Education: TJCTC, C & DCA, BRC, AHIMA, Midwives



11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Rio Grande Exhibit Halls A and B

Session: **Award Lunch and “Five Star” Awards**

Presentation of the 2013 “Five Star” Awards.

Announcer: **Mike McNutt**

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Ballroom A

Session: **Acknowledgement of Paternity Certification**

Speakers: **Judy McEachern** and **Sue Gleason**

AOP certification training for birth registrars and local registrars.

Continuing Education: BRC, AHIMA, C & DCA, Midwives



1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Ballroom B

Session: **Something Old and Something New: Marriage Statutes and Rules**

Speaker: **Derek Johnson**

This session will cover marriage statutes and rules, including legislative changes effecting marriages.

Continuing Education: C & DCA, TJCTC



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Wedgewood

Session: **Records Management**

Speaker: **Bret Adams**

Learn what are vital or essential records, why they're so important to your operations, how to identify which of your records are vital, and ways to protect them.

Continuing Education: AHIMA, C & DCA, TJCTC



Thursday, December 12, 2013

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Break in Exhibitor Area

3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

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Ballroom B

Session: **Death Statutes and Rules**

Speakers: **Gracie Zeigler** and **Susanna Sparkman**

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Wedgewood

Session: **Records Issuance, Supplemental Registration, and Adoptions**

Speaker: **Linda Rodriguez**

This session will cover services provided by the State Vital Statistics. We will discuss the requirements for issuing certified birth records and touch on other types of records issued. We will also discuss supplemental records, adoptions, amendments, paternities, name changes and disinterments.

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Breakfast in Exhibitor Area

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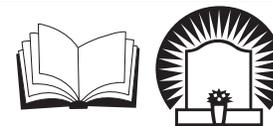
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9:30 AM - 9:50 AM

Break in Exhibitor Area

Friday, December 13, 2013

9:50 AM - 11:30 AM

Ballroom A

Session: **Vital Statistics Fraud**

Speakers: **Scott Hudson** and **Andy Abrams**

This session will talk about fighting breeder document fraud.

Continuing Education: C & DCA, TJCTC



9:50 AM - 11:30 AM

Ballroom B

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Speaker: **Victor Farinelli**

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9:50 AM - 11:30 AM

Wedgewood

Session: **Records Acceptance and Rejections**

Speaker: **Alice Whitley**

This session is designed for Local Registrars, Justices of the Peace, Medical Examiners, Funeral Homes, County Clerks, and District Clerks.

This session will also include the top 10 reasons that records are rejected.

Continuing Education: C & DCA, TJCTC



11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Ballrooms A

Session: **Ask the State Registrar and Closing Remarks**

Speaker: **Geraldine Harris**

In this session, the State Registrar will wrap up the conference and give the closing remarks.

Continuing Education: C & DCA





Purpose

The purpose of creating the Texas Birth Registrar Certification is to improve birth registration in Texas by standardizing the data collection and data entry practices of birth registrars. Improving birth registration is critical to ensure individuals receive a valid birth certificate, and to ensure that the statistical data accurately represents the health of Texans.

Public Health

Birth records provide important public health information making it crucial for the statistical data to be accurate, complete and measurable. Statistical data impacts the general health of Texas because it is directly related to research, public health programs, medical practices, and funding.

Partners

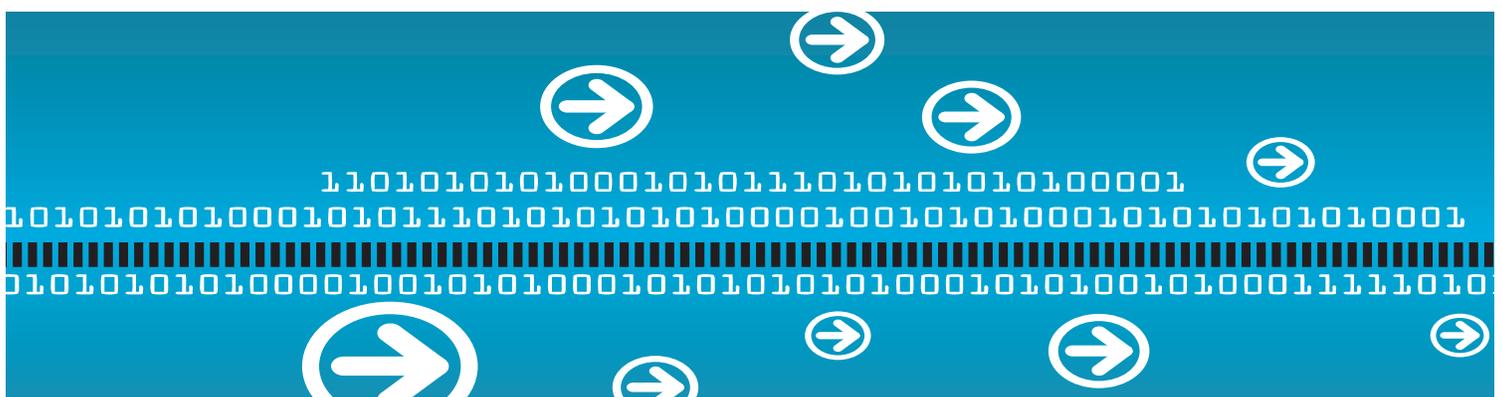
The state of Texas must collaborate with a variety of state and federal partner agencies. These agencies include, but are not limited to the Social Security Administration, State Passport Agency, Office of the Attorney General, Immtrac, and the National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and National Center for Health Statistics. Information entered into TER must be compatible with other state and federal databases, requiring the need to follow federal standards for entering data into TER.

History

In 2005, the Department of State Health Services – Vital Statistics Unit implemented an electronic birth registration system (TER) for the state of Texas. This system greatly improved the registration and issuance processes for birth records. It also provided a wealth of statistical data and important information on the health trends of Texans. This information is used to provide funding for programs that improve the birth outcomes and general health of the public. The statistical data provides the medical profession with data to improve birth delivery practices as well as to assure healthy babies.

Website Information

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/birthreg.shtm>





Five Star Vital Registration 2013

Funeral Homes

Exemplary Five Star Awardees

Winscott Road Funeral Home - Benbrook
Schmidt Funeral Home - Katy

Laurel Land Funeral Home of Fort Worth
Corley Funeral Home - Corsicana

Funeral Home Five Star Awardees

Ric Brown Family Funeral
Home Inc. - Mission

Kerrville Funeral Home, Inc.
- Kerrville

Lloyd James Funeral
Home, Inc. - Tyler

Legacy Chapels -
Edinburg

Marshall & Marshall Funeral
Directors - Hillsboro

Delta Funeral Directors, Inc.
- Brownsville

Arlington Funeral Home -
Arlington

Funeral Caring USA
Funeral Home - 410 Office -
San Antonio

E.P. Compean Funeral
Directors - Rosenberg

Earthman Funeral
Directors - Houston

Davis Funeral Home -
Henrietta

Broussard's Mortuary -
Beaumont

Sunset Memorial Funeral
Home - Brownsville

Brookside Funeral Home
at Champions - Houston

Shannon Rose Hill Funeral
Chapel - Fort Worth

Joe Jackson Heights
Funeral Chapels - Laredo

Restland Funeral Home -
Dallas

Johnson's Funeral Home -
San Angelo

Bluebonnet Hills Funeral
Home, Inc. - Colleyville

Jones-Washington
Mortuary- Bryan

Local Registrars

Exemplary Five Star Awardees

Comal County Clerk

Rockwall County Clerk

Tarrant County Clerk

Kerr County Clerk

Denton County Clerk

Dallas County Clerk

City Of McAllen

City Of Grapevine

Titus County Clerk

Kaufman County Clerk

Tom Green County Clerk

City Of Bedford

Abilene/Taylor County Clerk

Wise County Clerk

City Of Lubbock

Hood County Clerk

Ector County Clerk

Grayson County Clerk

City Of Tomball

Waco/McLennan
County PHD

Harris County Clerk

City Of North Richland Hills

Northeast Texas PHD



Local Registrars

Local Registrar Five Star Awardees

Hays County Clerk	City of Temple	Bell County Clerk	Hemphill County Clerk
Limestone County Clerk	City of Edinburg	Reagan County Clerk	Scurry County Clerk
Parker County Clerk	Medina County Clerk	Brown County Clerk	Crosby County Clerk
Aransas County Clerk	City of Arlington	Matagorda County Clerk	City of Laredo
City of Austin	City of Baytown	Chambers County Clerk	Madison County Clerk
City of Beaumont	City of Canyon	City of Weslaco	Hutchinson County Clerk
Collin County	Waller County Clerk	Ward County Clerk	Trinity County Clerk
Fayette County Clerk	Wood County Clerk	Howard County Clerk	San Antonio City Clerk
Smith County Clerk	City of San Marcos	Midland County Clerk	Fort Bend County Clerk
Rusk County Clerk	Ellis County Clerk	City of Brownsville	

Hospitals, Birthing Centers, and Midwives

Exemplary Five Star Awardees

W. J. Mangold Memorial Hospital - Lockney	Methodist Sugarland - Sugarland	Uvalde Memorial Hospital - Uvalde	Midland Memorial Hospital - Midland
Hill Country Memorial Hospital - Fredricksburg	Baylor Medical Center at Garland - Garland	Christus St. John Hospital - Nassau Bay	Yoakum Community Hospital - Yoakum
Daughters of Charity Health Services of Austin - Seton Medical Center - Austin	Angleton Danbury Medical Center - Angleton	Daughters of Charity Health Services of Austin - Brackenridge - Austin	Medina Regional Hospital - Hondo
Northwest Texas Hospital - Amarillo	Brownwood Regional Medical Center - Brownwood	Daughters of Charity Health Services of Austin - Seton Southwest - Austin	Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital H.E.B. - Bedford
Cedar Park Regional Medical Center - Cedar Park	Methodist Willowbrook Hospital - Houston	UT Southwestern Medical Center - Dallas	Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas
Central Texas Medical Center - San Marcos	Baylor Medical Center at Frisco	Houston Northwest Medical Center - Houston	Hunt Regional Medical Center - Greenville
Methodist West Houston - Houston	Scott and White Healthcare - Round Rock		Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital - Baytown
Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Hospital - The Woodlands	Scott and White Memorial Hospital - Temple		

59th Annual Texas Vital Statistics

Wednesday, December 11, 2013

Time	Ballroom A	Ballroom B
9:00 - 12:00 pm	Vital Statistics	
1:00 - 2:30 pm	Detecting Fraud 	TER Decoded 
2:40 - 4:10 pm	Life of a Death Certificate 	New Rules in Election Panel 
4:10 - 4:30 pm	Breakfast in	
4:30 - 6:00 pm	Unusual Birth Scenarios 	Passports 

Thursday, December 12, 2013

Time	Ballroom A	Ballroom B
7:00 - 7:50 am	Breakfast in	
8:00 - 9:45 am	Ballrooms A and B: Welcome and Conference Opening Session "eVitals Standards Initiative" Michelle Williamson, CDC , Keynote Speaker — 20	
10:00 - 11:30 am	Birth Registration Statutes and Rules 	Rider 72 
11:30am - 1:30pm	Rio Grande Exhibit Halls A and B Luncheon and "Five"	
1:30 - 3:00 pm	Acknowledgement of Paternity Certification 	Something Old and Something New: Marriage Statutes and Rules 
3:00 - 3:30 pm	Break in Ex	
3:30 - 5:00 pm	Acknowledgement of Paternity Certification 	Death Statutes and Rules 

Friday, December 13, 2013

Time	Ballroom A	Ballroom B
7:00 - 7:50 am	Breakfast in	
8:00 - 9:30 am	Life of a Death Certificate 	Building Healthy Babies 
9:30 - 9:50 am	Break in Ex	
9:50 - 11:30 am	Vital Statistics Fraud 	TER Decoded 
11:30am - 12:00pm	Ask the State Registrar and Closing Remarks —	

Statistics Conference Schedule

Wedgwood	Trinity
Unit (VSU) Tour	
Building Healthy Babies  	
Birth Registration Statutes and Rules – Local Registrars  	
Exhibitor Area	
Unusual Death Scenarios  	

Conference Sessions Symbols



Recommended Audience:
Birth Registrars
Local Registrars

Wedgwood	Trinity
Exhibitor Area	
13 Master Registrar Certification Graduation 	
Technology Modernization 	Death Ethics 
“The Star” Awards Ceremony	
Records Management 	Death Law 
Exhibitor Area	
Records Issuance, Supplemental Registration, and Adoptions 	Rider 72 



Recommended Audience:
Local Registrars
County Clerks



Recommended Audience:
Funeral Homes
Medical Certifiers
Local Registrars

Wedgwood	Trinity
Exhibitor Area	
Technology Modernization 	Records Issuance, Supplemental Registration, and Adoptions  
Exhibitor Area	
Records Acceptance and Rejections 	Unusual Birth Scenarios  



Recommended Audience:
All

Geraldine R. Harris, State Registrar in Ballroom A



Hospitals, Birthing Centers, and Midwives

Five Star Awardees

Brazosport Regional Health
Systems - Lake Jackson

Goodall - Witcher Healthcare
Foundation - Clifton

St. David's Georgetown Hospital
- Georgetown

St Luke's The Woodlands
Hospital - The Woodlands

Memorial Hermann Memorial
City Hospital - Houston

Texas Health Presbyterian of
Denton - Denton

Abilene Regional Medical Center
- Abilene

Palo Pinto General Hospital -
Mineral Wells

Christus Jasper Memorial
Hospital - Jasper

Methodist Mansfield Medical
Center - Mansfield

Medical City Dallas Hospital -
Dallas

Daughters of Charity Health
Services of Austin - Seton
Northwest - Austin

John Peter Smith Hospital -
Fort Worth

Golden Plains Community
Hospital - Borger

Baylor Regional Medical Center
at Grapevine - Grapevine

Knapp Medical Center - Weslaco

Huntsville Memorial Hospital -
Huntsville

Daughters of Charity - Seton
Medical Center Williamson -
Round Rock

Valley Regional Medical Center -
Brownsville

Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital
- Katy

East Texas Medical Center -
Henderson

Hendrick Medical Center -
Abilene

Southwest General Hospital -
San Antonio

Permian Regional Medical
Center - Andrews

Valley Baptist Medical Center -
Harlingen

Christus St. Michael Health
System - Texarkana

Providence Memorial Hospital -
El Paso

Scenic Mountain Medical Center -
Big Spring

Ochiltree General Hospital -
Perryton

Wise Regional Health System -
Decatur

Medical Arts Hospital - Lamesa

Methodist Richardson Medical
Center - Richardson

Starr County Memorial Hospital -
Rio Grande City

Methodist Dallas Medical Center -
Dallas

Methodist Charlton Medical Center
- Dallas

Memorial Hermann Northwest
Hospital - Houston

St. Joseph Regional Health Center
- Bryan

Brownfield Regional Medical
Center - Brownfield

Medical Center of Arlington -
Arlington

Congratulations to all 2013 Five Star Award Winners!

ImmTrac Award for Excellence

Texas Immunization Registry



For contributing to the health of Texas children through outstanding implementation of the newborn consent process for participation in *ImmTrac*, the Texas Immunization Registry.

Exemplary Performance (99 - 100 %)

Abilene Regional Medical Center - Abilene	Cedar Park Regional Medical Center - Cedar Park	Coon Memorial Hospital and Home - Dalhart	Ennis Regional Medical Center - Ennis
Angleton Danbury Medical Center - Angleton	Centennial Medical Center - Frisco	Corpus Christi Birth Center PLLC - Corpus Christi	ETMC Henderson - Henderson
Arlington Memorial Hospital - Arlington	Central Texas Medical Center - San Marcos	Cuero Community Hospital - Cuero	Family Birth Services - Grand Prairie
Austin Area Birthing Center - South - Austin	Childbirth Services - Tyler	D M Cogdell Memorial Hospital - Snyder	Family Centered Maternity Care - Garland
Baptist Medical Center - San Antonio	Childress Regional Medical Center - Childress	Darnell Army Community Hospital - Fort Hood	Fort Duncan Regional Medical Center - Eagle Pass
Baptist St. Anthony's Health System - Baptist Campus - Amarillo	Christus Hospital - St. Elizabeth - Beaumont	Detar Hospital North - Victoria	Frio Regional Hospital - Pearsall
Baylor All Saints Medical Center at Fort Worth - Fort Worth	Christus Jasper Memorial Hospital - Jasper	Daughters of Charity Health Services of Austin - Brackenridge - Austin	Golden Plains Community Hospital - Borger
Baylor Medical Center at Frisco - Frisco	Christus Santa Rosa Hospital - San Antonio	Daughters of Charity Health Services of Austin - Seton Medical Center - Austin	Good Shepard Medical Center - Longview
Baylor Medical Center at Garland - Garland	Christus Santa Rosa Hospital - New Braunfels - New Braunfels	Daughters of Charity Health Services of Austin - Seton Northwest - Austin	Good Shepard Medical Center Marshall - Marshall
Baylor Medical Center at Irving - Irving	Christus Santa Rosa Hospital - Westover Hills - San Antonio	Daughters of Charity Health Services of Austin - Seton Southwest - Austin	Goodall - Witcher Healthcare Foundation - Clifton
Baylor Medical Center at McKinney - McKinney	Christus Spohn Hospital Alice - Alice	Daughters of Charity - Seton Medical Center Williamson - Round Rock	Graham Regional Medical Center - Graham
Baylor Medical Center at Waxahachie - Waxahachie	Christus Spohn Hospital Beeville - Beeville	Dimmit County Memorial Hospital - Carrizo Springs	Guadalupe Regional Medical Center - Seguin
Baylor Regional Medical Center at Grapevine - Grapevine	Christus Spohn Hospital Kleberg - Kingsville	Doctors Hospital - Laredo, Laredo	Gulf Coast Medical Center - Wharton
Bayshore Medical Center - Pasadena	Christus St. John Hospital - Nassau Bay	Doctors Hospital at Renaissance - Edinburg	Hamilton Hospital - Olney
Big Bend Regional Medical Center - Alpine	Citizens Medical Center - Victoria	Doctors Hospital Parkway - Houston	Harlingen Medical Center - Harlingen
Bloom Midwifery Care-Midwife - San Antonio	Cleburne Birthing Center - Cleburne	East Texas Medical Center - Tyler	Harris Methodist Erath County - Stephenville
Brazosport Regional Health Systems - Lake Jackson	Cleveland Regional Medical Center - Cleveland	East Texas Medical Center Athens - Athens	Harris Methodist Fort Worth - Fort Worth
Brownwood Regional Medical Center - Brownwood	Coleman County Medical Center - Coleman	East Texas Medical Center Carthage - Carthage	Heart's Desire Midwifery Care - Peaster
Burleson St. Joseph Hospital - Caldwell	Columbus Community Hospital - Columbus	East Texas Medical Center-Fairfield - Fairfield	Hendrick Medical Center - Abilene
	Conroe Regional Medical Center - Conroe		Hill Country Memorial Hospital - Fredericksburg
			Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center - Waco

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Hopkins County Memorial Hospital - Sulphur Springs	Medina Regional Hospital - Hondo	Methodist Sugar Land Hospital - Sugar Land	Palo Pinto General Hospital - Mineral Wells
Houston Northwest Medical Center - Houston	Memorial Hermann Baptist Beaumont Hospital East - Beaumont	Methodist West Houston Hospital - Houston	Paris Regional Medical Center - Paris
Huguley Memorial Medical Center - Fort Worth	Memorial Hermann Baptist Orange Hospital - Orange	Methodist Willowbrook Hospital - Houston	Parkland Memorial Hospital - Dallas
Inanna Birth & Women's Care - Denton	Memorial Hermann Memorial City Hospital - Houston	Metroplex Hospital - Killeen	Permian Regional Medical Center - Andrews
John Peter Smith Hospital - Fort Worth	Memorial Hermann Northeast Hospital - Humble	Metropolitan Methodist Hospital - San Antonio	Peterson Regional Medical Center - Kerrville
Jubilee Birth Center - Bryan	Memorial Hermann Northwest Hospital - Houston	Mid Valley McAllen Birthing Center - McAllen	Presbyterian Hospital of Greenville - Greenville
Knapp Medical Center - Weslaco Lake	Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital - Houston	Midland Memorial Hospital - Midland	Presbyterian Hospital of Kaufman - Kaufman
Lake Granbury Medical Center - Granbury	Memorial Hermann Southwest Hospital - Houston	Mission Hospital - Mission	Presbyterian Hospital of Plano - Plano
Lake Pointe Medical Center - Rowlett	Memorial Hermann Sugar Land - Sugar Land	Mission Trail Baptist Hospital - San Antonio	Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall - Rockwall
Lakeway Regional Medical Center - Lakeway	Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Hospital - Shenandoah	Moore County Hospital District - Dumas	Providence Health Center - Waco
Lamb Healthcare Center - Littlefield	Memorial Hospital - Gonzales - Gonzales	Motherly Way Maternity Center - Midland	Providence Memorial Hospital - El Paso
Laredo Medical Center - Laredo	Memorial Hospital - Seminole - Seminole	Nacogdoches Medical Center - Nacogdoches	Reeves County Hospital - Pecos
Las Palomas A Campus of LPDS Healthcare - El Paso	Memorial Medical Center - Port Lavaca	Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital - Nacogdoches	Reunion Women's Health & Birth Center - Kingwood
Llano Memorial Healthcare System - Memorial Hospital - Llano	Memorial Medical Center of East Texas - Lufkin	Navarro Regional Hospital - Corsicana	Rice Medical Center - Eagle Lake
Longview Regional Medical Center - Longview	Memorial Medical Center - Livingston - Livingston	New Life Birth Services - Midwife - Katy	Rite of Passage of Women's Health and Birth Center - Pearland
Mainland Medical Center - Texas City	Memorial Medical Center - San Augustine - San Augustine	North Austin Medical Center - Austin	Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital - Sweetwater
Matagorda Regional Medical Center - Bay City	Methodist Mansfield Medical Center - Mansfield	North Houston Birth Center - Houston	Round Rock Medical Center - Round Rock
Maternity Care Center - Del Rio	Methodist Stone Oak - San Antonio	North Texas Medical Center - Gainsville	Saldanas Birthing Center - Brownsville
McAllen Medical Center - McAllen		Northwest Texas Hospital - Amarillo	San Jacinto Methodist Hospital - Baytown
Medical Arts Hospital - Lamesa		Oakbend Medical Center at Williams Way - Richmond	Scenic Mountain Medical Center - Big Spring
Medical Center Hospital - Odessa		Ochiltree General Hospital - Perryton	Scott and White Hospital - Brenham
		Palestine Regional Medical Center - Palestine	

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Scott and White Hospital - University Medical Campus - Round Rock	St. Joseph Medical Center - Houston	Texoma Medical Center - Denison	Valley Baptist Medical Center - Brownsville - Brownsville
Seton Medical Center Hays - Kyle	St. Joseph Regional Health Center - Bryan	The Methodist Hospital - Houston	Valley Regional Medical Center - Brownsville
Seymour Hospital - Seymour	St. Luke's Baptist Hospital - San Antonio	Titus Regional Medical Center - Mount Pleasant	W J Mangold Memorial Hospital - Lockney
Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital - San Angelo	St. Luke's Hospital at the Vintage - Houston	Tomball Regional Hospital - Tomball	Wadley Regional Medical Center - Texarkana
Sierra Medical Center - El Paso	St. Luke's The Woodlands Hospital - The Woodlands	United Regional Health Care System - Eleventh Street - Wichita Falls	Weatherford Regional Medical Center - Weatherford
Sierra Providence East Medical Center - El Paso	St. David's Georgetown Hospital - Georgetown	University Hospital - San Antonio	Wilson N. Jones Medical Center - Sherman
South Austin Hospital - Austin	Starr County Memorial Hospital - Rio Grande City	University Medical Center - Lubbock	Wise Regional Health System - Decatur
South Texas Regional Medical Center - Jourdanton	Stephens Memorial Hospital - Breckenridge	University Medical Center of El Paso - El Paso	Woodland Heights Medical Center - Lufkin
Southwest General Hospital - San Antonio	Texas Health Harris Methodist - Cleburne - Cleburne	UT Southwestern Medical Center - Dallas	Yoakum Community Hospital - Yoakum
Special Beginnings - PLLC - Grand Prairie	Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital HEB - Bedford	Uvalde Memorial Hospital - Uvalde	Yoakum County Hospital - Denver City
St. David's Hospital - Austin	Texas Regional Medical Center of Sunnyvale - Sunnyvale	Valley Baptist Medical Center, Harlingen	

Recognized Performance (97% - 98%)

All About Babies - Argyle	Covenant Hospital Plainview - Plainview	Lyndon B. Johnson General Hospital - Houston	Methodist Richardson Medical Center - Richardson
Bay Area Birth Center - Pasadena	Del Sol A Campus of LPDS Healthcare - El Paso	Medical City Dallas Hospital - Dallas	North Central Baptist Hospital - San Antonio
Brownfield Regional Medical Center - Brownfield	Doctors Hospital - Dallas - Dallas	Memorial Hermann Katy - Katy (Precinct 5)	Northeast Baptist Hospital - San Antonio
Christus Spohn Hospital South - Corpus Christi	East Texas Medical Center Jacksonville - Jacksonville	Memorial Hermann Hospital - Houston	Odessa Regional Medical Center - Odessa
Christus St. Michael Health System - Texarkana	Gentle Beginings Birth and Wellness - Midwife - Fort Worth	Methodist Charlton Medical Center - Dallas	Pecos County Memorial Hospital - Fort Stockton
Corpus Christi Medical Center - Bay Area - Corpus Christi	Heavenly Hands Birthing Center - PLLC - Rockwall	Methodist Dallas Medical Center - Dallas	Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas - Dallas
Covenant Hospital Levelland - Levelland	Las Colinas Medical Center - Irving	Methodist Hospital - San Antonio	Presbyterian Hospital of Denton - Denton

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Recognized Performance (97% - 98%)

Rio Grande Regional Hospital - McAllen	Scott and White Memorial Hospital - Temple	The Medical Center of Southeast Texas - Port Arthur	Val Verde Regional Medical Center - Del Rio
San Antonio Birth Center - San Antonio	Seton Medical Center - Harker Heights - Harker Heights	University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston - Galveston	William Beaumont Army Medical Center - El Paso
San Antonio Military Medical Center - San Antonio			

Commendable Performance (95% - 96%)

Austin Area Birthing Center, Inc. - Austin	Harris Methodist Southwest - Fort Worth	Medical Center of Arlington - Arlington	Presbyterian Hospital of Allen - Allen
Baylor Medical Center at Carrollton - Carrollton	Hereford Regional Medical Center - Hereford	Medical Center of McKinney - McKinney	Texas Children's Hospital-Pavilion for Women - Houston
Christus St. Catherine Health and Wellness Center - Katy	Hill Regional Hospital - Hillsboro	Medical Center of Plano - Plano	West Houston Medical Center - Houston
Gentle Beginnings Birth Center - Hurst	Huntsville Memorial Hospital - Huntsville	Park Plaza Hospital - Houston	



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Attorney General of Texas Award for obtaining an average quality control score of 100 for Federal Fiscal Year 2013

Exemplary

Abilene Regional Medical Center	Gonzales Healthcare Systems	The Methodist Hospital	Texas Children's Hospital - Pavilion for Women
Angleton Danbury Medical Center	Graham Regional Medical Center	Methodist Mansfield Medical Center	Texas Health Harris Methodist - Alliance
Baptist Hospital of Southeast Texas	Hamilton Hospital	Metroplex Adventist Hospital, Inc.	Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital - Cleburne
Baylor Medical Center - Frisco	Harlingen Medical Center	Metropolitan Methodist Hospital	Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital - H.E.B.
Baylor Medical Center - Garland	Hendrick Medical Center	Midland Memorial Hospital	Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital - Stephenville
Brackenridge Hospital	Hereford Regional Medical Center	Moore County Hospital District	Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital - Dallas
Brownwood Regional Medical Center	Hill Regional Hospital	Northwest Texas Hospital	Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital - Denton
Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center	Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital	Oakbend Medical Center at Williams Way	Texas Regional Medical Center at Sunnyvale
Cedar Park Regional Medical Center	Huguley Memorial Medical Center	Ochiltree General Hospital	The Children's Hospital of San Antonio
Central Texas Medical Center	Hunt Regional Medical Center	Palo Pinto General Hospital	The Medical Center of Southeast Texas
Childress Regional Medical Center	Huntsville Memorial Hospital	Pecos County Memorial Hospital	The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston
Christus Jasper Memorial Hospital	John Peter Smith Hospital	Permian Regional Medical Center	Tomball Regional Hospital
Christus Spohn Hospital - Alice	Las Palmas Medical Center	Providence Health Center	Trinity Mother Frances Health System
Christus Spohn Hospital - Corpus Christi South	Lyndon Baines Johnson General Hospital	Providence Memorial Hospital	United Regional Health Care System
Christus St. John Hospital	Mainland Medical Center	Rice Medical Center	University Medical Center
Cogdell Memorial Hospital	Matagorda General Hospital	San Angelo Community Medical Center	Uvalde County Hospital Authority
Coleman County Medical Center	Medical Arts Hospital	Scenic Mountain Medical Center	Valley Baptist Medical Center - Brownsville
College Station Medical Center	Medical Center Hospital	Seton Medical Center	Valley Regional Medical Center - Brownsville
Coon Memorial Hospital	Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital	Seton Medical Center - Williamson	W. J. Mangold Memorial Hospital
Covenant Hospital Plainview	Memorial Hermann Memorial City Medical Center	Seton Northwest Hospital	William Beaumont Army Medical Center
Covenant Women's and Children's Hospital	Memorial Hermann Northeast Hospital	Seymour Hospital	Woodland Heights Medical Center
Cuero Community Hospital	Memorial Hermann Northwest Hospital	Southwest General Hospital	Yoakum Community Hospital
Denton Regional Medical Center	Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital	St. David's Georgetown Hospital	Titus Regional Medical Center
DeTar Hospital North	Memorial Hermann Sugar Land	St. David's Medical Center	Wise Regional Health System
East Texas Medical Center - Henderson	Memorial Hermann Texas Medical Center	St. Joseph Regional Health Center	
	Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Hospital	St. Luke's Hospital at Vintage	
	Methodist Charlton Medical Center	St. Luke's The Woodlands Hospital	
	Methodist Dallas Medical Center	Starr County Memorial Hospital	

Attorney General of Texas Award



Attorney General of Texas Award for obtaining an average quality control score of 98 – 99 for Federal Fiscal Year 2013

Recognized

Baptist St. Anthony's Health System	Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center	Lake Pointe Medical Center	Sierra Providence Eastside Medical Center
Baylor All Saints Medical Center	Del Sol Medical Center	Laredo Medical Center	South Texas Regional Medical Center
Baylor Medical Center - Carrollton	Doctors Hospital at Renaissance	Las Colinas Medical Center	St. David's North Austin Medical Center
Baylor Medical Center - Irving	Doctors Hospital at White Rock Lake	Longview Regional Medical Center	St. Joseph Medical Center
Baylor Medical Center - McKinney	Doctors Hospital of Laredo	Medical Center of Arlington	St. Luke's Baptist Hospital
Baylor Regional Medical Center - Grapevine	Fort Duncan Medical Center	Medical Center of McKinney	St. Mark's Medical Center
Baylor University Medical Center	Golden Plains Community Hospital	Medical Center of Plano	Texas Health Arlington Memorial Hospital
Bayshore Medical Center	Good Shepherd Medical Center - Marshall	Medical City Dallas Hospital	Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital - Fort Worth
Brazosport Regional Health System	Goodall-Witcher Healthcare Foundation	Medina Community Hospital	Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital - Flower Mound
Brownfield Regional Medical Center	Guadalupe Regional Medical Center	Memorial Health System of East Texas	Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital - Kaufman
Centennial Medical Center	Hill Country Memorial Hospital	Methodist Richardson Medical Center	Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital - Plano
Christus Hospital - St. Mary	Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center	Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital	Texas Health Presbyterian - WNJ
Christus Santa Rosa Hospital – Westover Hills	Hopkins County Memorial Hospital	Navarro Regional Hospital	Texoma Medical Center
Christus Santa Rosa Hospital - New Braunfels	Houston Methodist Hospital	North Hills Hospital	The Woman's Hospital of Texas
Christus Spohn Hospital - Beeville	Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital	North Texas Medical Center	University Medical Center of El Paso
Christus Spohn Hospital - Kleberg	Houston Methodist West Hospital	Peterson Regional Medical Center	UT Southwestern St Paul Medical Center
Christus St. Elizabeth's Hospital	Houston Methodist Willowbrook Hospital	Reeves County Hospital	Valley Baptist Medical Center - Harlingen
Citizens Medical Center	Houston Northwest Medical Center	Rio Grande Regional Hospital	Wadley Regional Medical Center
Columbus Community Hospital	Knapp Medical Center	Scott and White Healthcare - Round Rock	Weatherford Regional Medical Center
Conroe Regional Medical Center	Lake Granbury Medical Center	Scott and White Memorial Hospital	
		Seton Southwest Hospital	

Rider 72

The Vital Statistics community has an obligation to secure and maintain the confidentiality of the vital records of our citizens from criminal activity such as document fraud, identity theft, unauthorized release, or use of their records, or the fraudulent creation of such records.

State Office Branch Manager Lonzo Kerr is currently overseeing the implementation of the following five listed Rider 72 recommendations:

- Rec. #2 - Require that all individuals who can register a birth record or interact with the birth record information system undergo a criminal history background check.
- Rec. #12 - Leverage a third party identification verification and validation system and/or an identification attribute database for all forms of accepted identification.
- Rec. #14 - Consolidate purchasing of security paper/issuing medium through a contract established by VSU with distribution done through the approved vendors.
- Rec. #19 - Establish minimum standards for physical access to security paper, certificates, and archival paper record storage.
- Rec. #20 - Standardize the form of certified birth certificate to one statewide format.

The State Office Vital Statistics Unit is interested in hearing from you about perceived implications on your operations. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/vs/rider72.shtm>

or submit your questions or concerns to Lonzo Kerr at Lonzo.Kerr@dshs.state.tx.us.

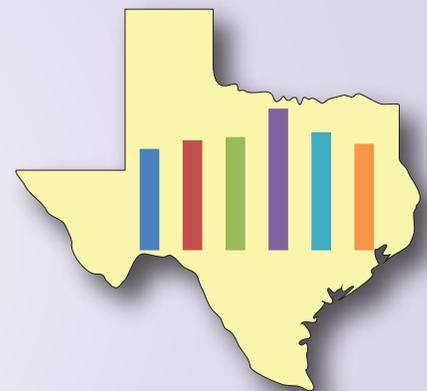
DSHS Center for Health Statistics

PURPOSE:

The DSHS Center for Health Statistics was established to provide a convenient access point for health-related data for Texas. Our objective is to be a source of information for assessment of community health and for public health planning.

Please look for these informative posters regarding the latest statistical information compiled within our State.

- Center for Health Statistics: Providing High - Quality Actionable Health Information for the State of Texas
- Texas Vital Statistics, 2011
- Cigarette Smoking and Cancer in Texas
- West Nile Virus in Texas
- Hispanic Births in Texas, 1981-2010
- Where Aren't the Doctors? Areas of Shortage in Primary Care Physicians
- Unhealthy Heart Behaviors Prevalence & Diseases of the Heart Mortality
- Geocoding: What is Geocoding?



For more information, please visit: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/chs/>

Academy of Excellence



David Zane presenting to Vital Statistics staff

Purpose:

The Field Services section of VSU developed and implemented an internal training program as a quality improvement effort for the purpose of enhancing staff's professional knowledge and developing careers within VSU.

Congratulations to this year's Recognized Academy of Excellence Members:



Recognized Members: Vital Statistics staff that attended all six internal training sessions.

Belinda Alba
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Master Registrar Certification (MRC) Course

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Apply now for the 2014 MRC course!

The Department of State Health Services – Vital Statistics Unit, would like to invite all local registrars to participate in our Master Registrar Certification course.

The Master Registrar Certification course is comprised of a small group of local registrars and deputies from around the state. The course provides them with a deeper understanding of vital registration and issuance through the statutory framework of vital statistics, best practices and working collaboratively with the processes at the federal, state and local level.

Additional information and the registration form are available on the vital statistics website, www.mrc.texasvsu.org. Download the form and fax it to the Vital Statistics office. The deadline for receiving applications will be listed on the form. Registration forms should be faxed to Soo Teal at 512-776-7538.

The registration forms will be reviewed and applicants will be selected to attend the course. If you have been selected you will be notified by email.

If you have any questions please contact Soo Teal at Soo.Teal@dshs.state.tx.us

We look forward to seeing you!

In an informal setting the course encompasses all aspects of the local registrar's duties:

- Statutes and Codes relevant to vital records
- Review of specific topics regarding vital records registration and issuance
- Computer lab (TER) training
- Group projects
- Vital Statistics Unit Tour
- Peer networking

... and many other educational experiences and materials to assist the local registrar with their daily duties!

2014 Regional Vital Statistics Conferences

— Start Planning Now — 2014 Regional Vital Statistics Conferences

Three one-day conferences are planned to offer training opportunities to **Local Registrars, County Clerks, Hospitals, Medical Professionals, Funeral Homes, Justices of the Peace** and office staff that work with vital records.

2014 Regional Conferences are tentatively scheduled for **June 2014** at the following locations:

- Dallas
- Galveston
- Midland



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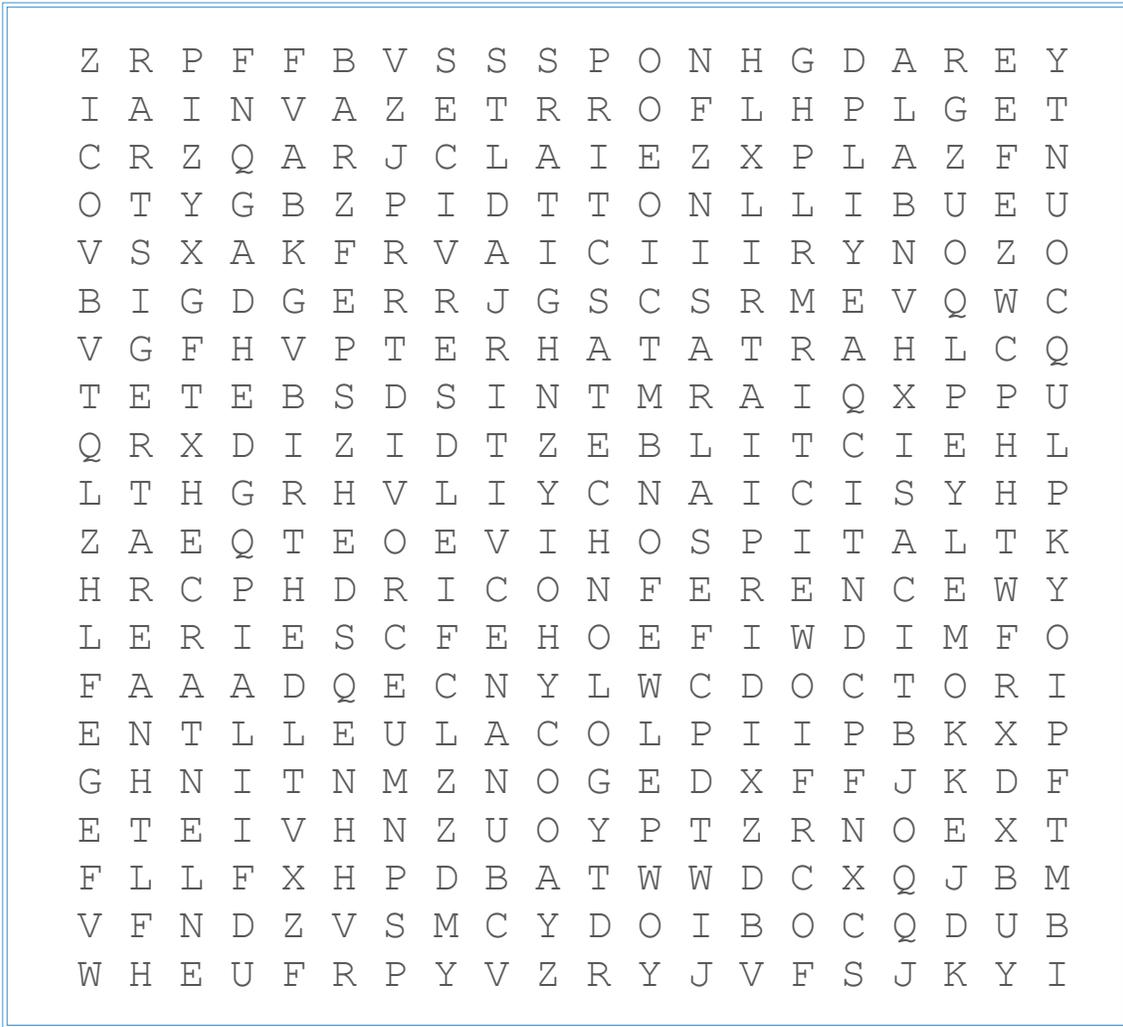


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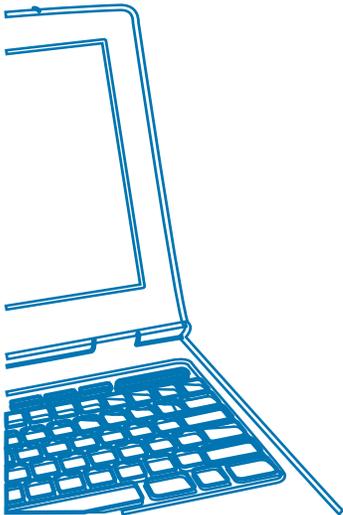
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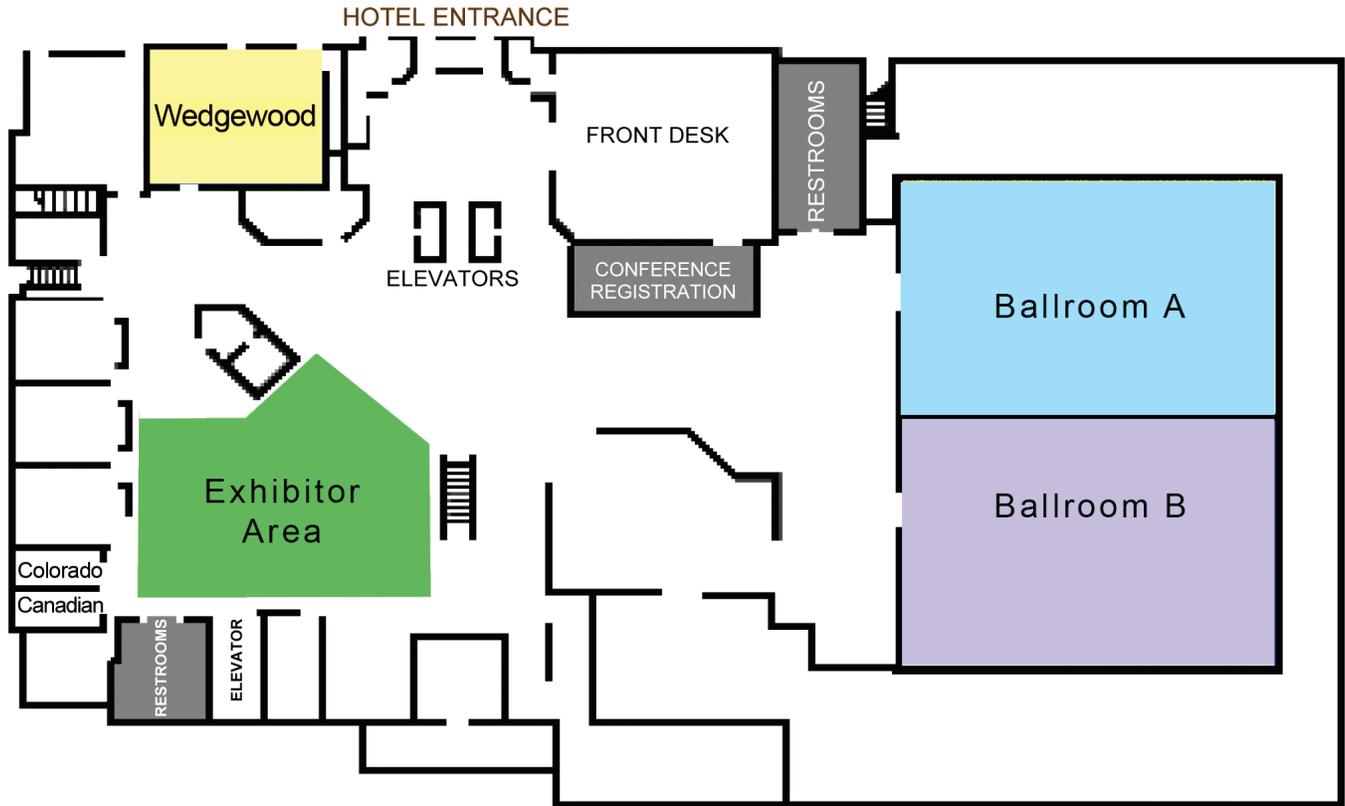


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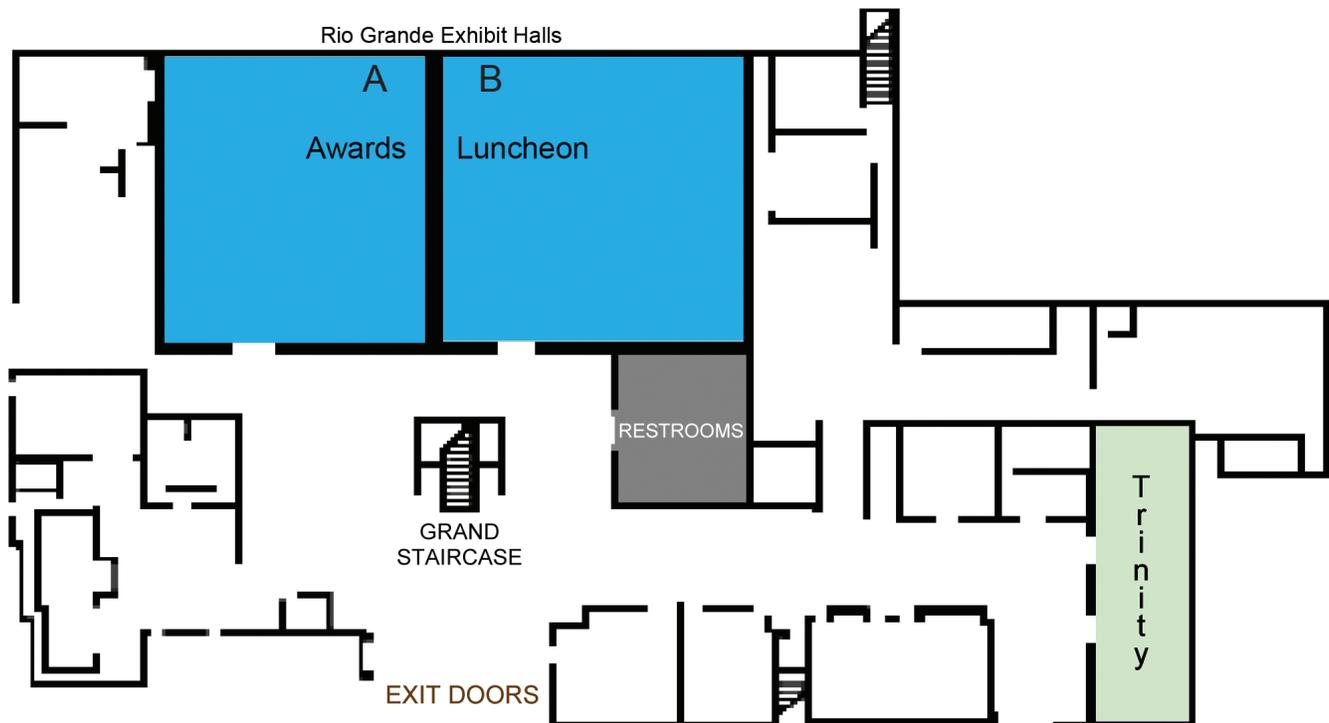


Renaissance Austin Hotel Map

ATRIUM LEVEL (upper level)



PLAZA LEVEL (lower level)



The hotel map is color-coded to the conference schedule on pages 16 - 17.