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## *Attention*

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**To:** Our Partners in Vital Registration

**From:** DSHS Vital Statistics Unit, Field Services

**Re:** VSU Seeking Short Stories  
*Enter to win a free annual conference registration!*

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The DSHS Vital Statistics Unit is in the process of completing a TER-Birth online training program for birth registrars and is seeking *short stories* about challenges you've experienced in obtaining data for birth certificates.

VSU is seeking your real life examples and experiences to highlight the importance of collecting accurate and timely data on birth certificates.

Tells us of a time and/or a strategy you used to obtain the birth information from a parent and what the situation was that impeded the process.

For example, you could share a story about an uncooperative mother/father who refused to provide information and how you were able to convince them to release the information to you.

Please email your short stories to [field@texasvsu.org](mailto:field@texasvsu.org)  
or submit by fax to 512-458-7538

***Deadline:*** Thur 8/25

Winners will be announced in September.

