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Around the Network

NBDPN Virtual Meeting

The 22nd Annual Meeting will be May 1 - May 8 in an **on-demand webinar** format. Registration will be *free*. A **Live Q & A session** will be held Wednesday, May 8th from 3 to 4 pm ET. More details are coming soon! Contact the Annual Meeting Committee Co-Chairs Dianna Contreras (AZ) and Russ Kirby (FL) with questions.

A Big Thank You to BJG Electronics

NBDPN would like to acknowledge the big-hearted employees of BJG Electronics, Inc. BJG Electronics collected more than \$400.00 for the Network as part of a monthly lunch for a cause campaign. Thank you, BJG!!

Announcements and Reminders

NBDPN Annual Report 2019

The Network's annual report on birth defects surveillance and prevention will be published in the November issue of *Birth Defects Research*. The 2019 report will include a data brief featuring gastroschisis and omphalocele. Specifications have been forwarded to state contacts, with data and directory information due by **May 31, 2019**.

Call for Manuscripts

To accompany the birth defects surveillance data presented in the annual report, there will be peer-reviewed articles on the topics of birth defects surveillance epidemiology and the application of data to prevention and public health programs. Prepare to submit *your* manuscript for review by **April 29, 2019**. Find the details [here](#).

API Picks

NBDPN's articles of potential interest - API - gives members a quarterly list of current publications from the peer-reviewed literature focused on birth defects surveillance, etiology, and research. It's a convenient way to stay up-to-date. Find the current list [here](#).

Program Mentoring Call

Don't miss the next Network Program Mentoring Call on **April 10, 2019 at 3PM ET!** The topic of discussion is surveillance system sustainability. While the Zika virus epidemic in the Americas is over, the risk of Zika transmission is ongoing. How do systems retool and renew efforts to strengthen surveillance activities for all birth defects? Peter Langlois will discuss the article [Status of population-based birth](#)

[defects surveillance programs before and after the Zika public health response in the United States](#), and the factors found to affect success and sustainability.

Contact Vinita Leedom (SC) at leedomvo@dhec.gov to join the call list.

Partners Corner

Promoting Worker Well-Being through Maternal and Child Health

Breastfeeding has many health benefits for moms as well as for babies. Babies with special needs and their moms may need additional supports around breastfeeding. The **National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)** promotes a holistic approach to worker well-being. Their [Total Worker Health](#) trainings and resources encourage policies and practices that protect workers and improve their health and well-being. See the recent NIOSH science blog on the topic of [Breastfeeding Accommodations in the Workplace](#).

MotherToBaby

In January, [MotherToBaby](#), in coordination with the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM) and the Teratology Society, offered a free two-part webinar series for healthcare providers on the importance of pregnancy exposure research, its challenges and the new Task Force on Research Specific to Pregnant and Lactating Women (PRGLAC) report. The recorded webinar series can be viewed at the following links:

- [Current and Future Trends in Research with Pregnant and Lactating Women \(Part 1\)](#)
- [Using Registries and Crowdsourcing to Conduct Research with Pregnant and Lactating Women \(Part 2\)](#)

Connections

Keep the News Coming

Did you know you can update name and address, work information and your membership in NBDPN committees when you log into the Members Section? Keep your contact information and committee interests up-to-date by reviewing your member's info annually. Under "My Membership Information", click "Member Information" and then "Change Contact/Profile Info".

If you need assistance, or want to unsubscribe to the NBDPN e-newsletter, email us at NBDPN@nbdpn.org and we'll help you update your member information.

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