



NBDPN News

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NBDPN Board of Directors

NBDPN Membership Renewal

Your current NBDPN membership will expire on June 30, 2022. The Network will be sending out renewal notices in early May with payment due no later than August 31, 2022. Network operations are 100% supported by our membership dues. As with everything else our costs are increasing, which means we need to move forward with our planned annual dues increase to \$100. If you are a program manager whose organization covers NBDPN dues and would like to receive a single program invoice, please email nbdpninc@nbdpn.org. If you've received group invoices in the past, you will receive a new invoice before the end of April.

Birth Defects Surveillance Program Survey administered by AMCHP

Thank you to all our program contacts who completed the Birth Defect Surveillance Program survey that was sent out by AMCHP. The survey closed on Friday, April 8, and we hope to utilize this feedback to inform how NBDPN and AMCHP can support and bolster collaboration between Title V agencies and your respective Birth Defects Surveillance Programs. More information to come soon!

Listening Session

The Board will hold the 2022 Listening Session with NBDPN members on April 22 from 1-2:30 p.m. Eastern time. As we continue our efforts to better understand the needs of our membership, we invite you to the second annual occurrence of this moderated conversation to share highlights and challenges from your work. This event will be hosted by the NBDPN Board and is open to all NBDPN members.

[Registration](#) for the event is recommended but not required:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUkdeCurD4uGt08A3vCFI44U7BHLPBX72cl>

2023 NBDPN National Conference

Our in-person conference for 2023 in Atlanta, Georgia will *tentatively* be held on *March 5-9th*. Please be on the lookout for more information regarding travel guidance, registration, calls for proposals/posters, etc.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- May 25, 2:30-3 PM ET Virtual Meet and Greet with AMCHP and Title V programs (registration information to come soon)
- May 1 – August 31 NBDPN Membership Renewal
- September 15-29 Board Nominations

- October 12, 2022 Annual Membership Meeting (2:00 pm to 4:00 pm EDT)
- October 12 -26 Board Elections
- *March 5-9, 2023 Tentative NBDPN National Conference dates*

Announcements and Updates

AMCHP 2022 Annual Conference Rescheduled to May 24-26 in an All-Virtual Format

Out of concern for the health and safety of our attendees and due to travel restrictions brought on by the Omicron variant of COVID-19, AMCHP's annual conference initially scheduled for March is postponed and converted to an all-virtual format. The new dates are **May 24-26, 2022**. The conference theme continues to be "**Reflecting on our Past, Shaping our Future.**" For more information, visit the [AMCHP 2022 Annual Conference website](#).

From Bench to Bedside and Back Again -- June 25-29, 2022

The Society for Birth Defects Research & Prevention will hold their 62nd Annual Meeting from June 25-29, 2022 in Vancouver, British Columbia. The robust scientific program represents active, timely research areas of high relevance to public health and significant usefulness to researchers in the fields of birth defects research and birth defects surveillance. Visit <https://birthdefectsresearch.org/meetings/2022/> to learn more.

CDC Updates

Funding Opportunities

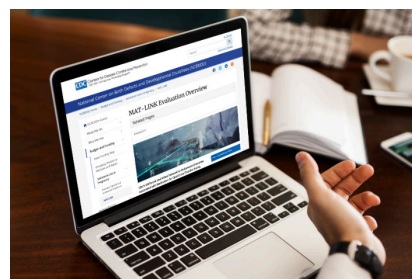
CDC announced three non-research Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs); one related to congenital heart defects and two related to prenatal alcohol and other substance use and fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASDs):

- [**CDC-RFA-DD22-2203: Population-based Surveillance of Outcomes, Needs, and Well-being of Children and Adolescents with Congenital Heart Defects.**](#)
 - This NOFO solicits non-research, cooperative agreement applications to 1) identify a population-based sample of children and adolescents born between 2006 and 2021 (cases 2-17 years of age at survey completion) with congenital heart defects (CHD) from population-based U.S. birth defects surveillance systems with active case-ascertainment and 2) survey their parents or caregivers to collect information regarding the children's health outcomes, including cardiac and other healthcare utilization, barriers to health care, quality of life, social and educational outcomes, transition of care from childhood to adulthood, and mortality, as well as needs and experiences of their caregivers.
 - Applications due: May 28, 2022
- [**CDC-RFA-DD22-2201, National Partnerships to Address Prenatal Alcohol and Other Substance Use and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders**](#)
 - This NOFO is intended to build a collaborative framework of national partner organizations that contribute to 1) reducing prenatal alcohol and other substance use, 2) improving support services and access to care, and 3) improving identification and health of children and families with FASDs.
 - Applications due: Monday, May 2, 2022
- [**CDC-RFA-DD22-2202, I-FASD: Understanding Clinical Data and Pathways through Care to Inform Surveillance of Children with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders**](#)

- Existing healthcare data is an information source for public health surveillance of children with FASDs, but there is a need to better understand these data. This feasibility project will characterize information accessible within health-related data systems for children suspected or diagnosed with an FASD, as well as describe the referral, evaluation, and diagnosis processes. Findings will be used to inform the development of future public health surveillance activities.
- Applications due: Monday, May 2, 2022.
- To learn more about the NOFOs, including an overview, how to access the NOFOs in Grants.gov, key dates, and Q&As, please visit CDC's [Prenatal Alcohol and Other Substance Use and FASD-Related Funding Opportunities webpage](#).

Discover the New MAT-LINK Evaluation!

An evaluation of the MATernaL and Infant Network to Understand Outcomes Associated with Medication for Opioid Use Disorder during Pregnancy (MAT-LINK) was completed to measure several features of the system, including its timeliness, flexibility, acceptability, data quality, and interoperability. Explore the new [webpage](#) that provides an overview of findings from key informant interviews, lessons learned, and next steps that may improve the system's performance for clinical sites.



Publications

Follow the link below to a list of articles of potential interest.

[Publications](#)

Partner Corner

FY2023 Budget Request to Congress | Programs and Services for Maternal and Child Health

March of Dimes recognizes the Biden Administration for maintaining a commitment to improving maternal and child health with the recent detailed FY2023 budget request to congress. A major highlight of the budget request includes \$470 million for advances in maternal health and health equity. In recognition that the United States has the highest maternal mortality rate among developed nations, with an unacceptably high mortality rate for Black and American Indian and Alaska Native women, this funding is intended to reduce maternal mortality and morbidity rates, expand maternal health initiatives in rural communities, implement implicit bias training for healthcare providers, create pregnancy medical home projects, and address the highest rates of perinatal disparities. The budget also expands maternal and other health initiatives in rural communities to improve access to high-quality care. [Learn more](#) about March of Dimes Government Affairs Priorities.

Innovations in Newborn Screening Interoperability Resource Center

The INBSI resource center was established for states, territories, and the District of Columbia newborn screening programs to learn, collaborate and advance interoperability within the newborn screening community. The goal is to aid in the reduction of morbidity and mortality associated with heritable disorders in newborns and children. On demand resources are available on the [nbsinterop.org](#) website. [Monthly webinars](#) are open to all states and territories. INBSI is actively recruiting NBS programs seeking support and technical assistance to advance electronic data exchange. [Download the application](#) or contact nbsinterop@altarum.org for more information.

Collaborating to Provide Lifelong Care for People with Congenital Heart

Defects (CHDs)

Access this recording of a panel discussion between pediatricians, obstetrician-gynecologist, internal medicine physician and emergency medicine physician as they engage with each other to build knowledge, skills and competence related to care coordination for people living with CHD. This event’s focus is to help ensure that people with CHDs get the specialized care they need to stay healthy across the lifespan. [View the recoding](#); eligible for 1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™.

Pediatrics On Call Podcasts | Teaming up to reduce stigma regarding prenatal substance use

Two new podcasts aim to reduce stigma regarding infants with prenatal substance exposures and their parents. Listen to [Treating Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Without Bias](#) where Dr Douglas Waite, MD FAAP and parent Peggy Way discuss fetal alcohol spectrum disorders and communicating with compassion. Listen to [Acknowledging Stigma and Embracing Empathy When Treating Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome](#) as Dr Kenneth Zoucha, MD FAAP and parent Tamela Milan-Alexander, MPPA discuss opioid use disorder and pregnancy. The [Pediatrics On Call](#) podcast series features interviews about new research and hot topics in the field of pediatrics.



Connections

The NBDPN Social Media Workgroup develops content for the NBDPN social media feeds Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Most of our posts include information for the maternal and child health population, but most of our followers are YOU. Please bookmark our social media pages and **share** our posts, which cover all topics related to birth defects/anomalies. Connect with your local partners on social media (eg. county health departments, federally qualified health centers, culturally specific community-based organizations, and more) to get the messages out further. Follow and share the NBDPN pages listed below:



NBDPN SOCIAL MEDIA WORKGROUP INVITES YOU TO:

SHARE OUR POSTS TO REACH LOCAL COMMUNITIES!

OUR SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS ARE YOU, BUT OUR MESSAGES ARE FOR THE PUBLIC. HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!

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