



# NBDPN News

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## Around the Network

### Program Managers' Mentoring Call

**Barbara Frohnert** of the Minnesota Birth Defects Monitoring and Analysis Program was featured at last month's Program Managers' Mentoring Call, addressing the question of "How is your program using data to help families impacted by Birth Defects?" Barbara provided an overview of the Minnesota surveillance system and described their collaboration with the Children and Youth with Special Health Needs Section (Title V) to link children with birth defects to local programs and services.

During the open discussion that followed, **Vinita Leedom** shared that the South Carolina Birth Defects Program (SCBDP) completed their first cohort of referrals to BabyNet, SC's system of early intervention (IDEA Part C). Over 1,500 infants were referred after being identified by the SCBDP team during medical chart abstraction. "We continue to hear from care coordinators regarding the care status of children we referred. It has been very exciting to see the growing numbers of families who have scheduled a developmental screening or who have begun receiving services as a result of the referral we made," reported Vinita, SCBDP Manager.

Mark your calendars for the next mentoring call:

**October 9, 2019 3-4:30 PM ET.**

Contact [Vinita Leedom](#) or [nbdpn@nbdpn.org](mailto:nbdpn@nbdpn.org) with any questions.

## Announcements and Reminders

### Save-the-Date

The **NBDPN 2020 Annual Meeting** will be March 8-11, 2020 at the Renaissance Arlington Capitol View in Arlington, Virginia. We're looking forward to seeing you there! Further details are coming soon.

### API Selection

Need a little help to stay up-to-date on birth defects research? Getting ready for your next project or publication? The [Articles of Potential Interest](#) is a great place to get started. The API is a focused list of current publications from the peer-reviewed literature, updated quarterly. You can find the API and more [NBDPN resources](#) online.

### Tick-Tock

Time is running out on the 2019 **Scavenger Hunt!** Navigate the NBDPN website to

find the answers. Two lucky winners will receive \$25.00 Amazon gift cards. Forms are due to NBDPN by midnight Wednesday August 21, 2019. If you need a form, contact [nbdpn@nbdpn.org](mailto:nbdpn@nbdpn.org) today.

### Membership Renewal

The Network's annual membership renewal drive is underway! Thank you to everyone who has renewed over the past couple of months. For those of you who haven't, there's still time to renew your membership! Find out about our convenient options for renewal by following the link below. If you still have questions, contact us at [nbdpn@nbdpn.org](mailto:nbdpn@nbdpn.org).

### [How to Pay Dues](#)

## Not So Simple: Life After Gastroschisis Repair

*Submitted by Gillian Goddard and Meghan Hall Rauon*

[Avery's Angels Gastroschisis Foundation \(AAGF\)](#) turned 10 this year. NBDPN celebrates their "decade of dedication" with this feature about the early findings that came from fostering medical-family research partnerships.

Survival from [gastroschisis](#) has dramatically increased over the past 50 years. Babies with gastroschisis born today have a greater than 90% chance of living through the major medical procedures needed to return the intestines to the belly. Yet there is a knowledge gap regarding their long-term outcomes. That is why Cincinnati Children's Hospital, Texas Children's Hospital, and the national nonprofit Avery's Angels Gastroschisis Foundation (AAGF), teamed up to learn more about gastrointestinal (GI) morbidity in teens and adults with simple gastroschisis.

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## Partners Corner

### Call to Action



**Congenital Heart**  
PUBLIC HEALTH CONSORTIUM

The Congenital Heart Public Health Consortium (CHPHC) has founded a call to action on the recently published "[Public Health Approach to Improve Outcomes for Congenital Heart Disease Across the Life Span](#)," which presents a framework

highlighting opportunities to address key issues for those with congenital heart disease (CHD). The CHD community is growing. Aligning efforts across the proposed framework will accelerate knowledge and strategies to improve outcomes for people with or at risk for CHD across the lifespan. We are called to support public health outcomes for people with CHD through action:

- **[Register](#) for the CHPHC Webinar scheduled for Thursday, September 12 at 1 pm ET.**
- **[Read](#)** the article "Public Health Approach to Improve Outcomes for Congenital Heart Disease Across the Life Span."
- **[Learn](#)** the facts about congenital heart defects.
- **[Tweet](#) your commitment to CHD public health in recognition of World Heart Day on September 29.** Use #CHDcare4Life to add your voice to conversation as initiated by the CHPHC member organizations.
- **[Participate](#)** and engage in the education and awareness activities convened by the member organizations of the CHPHC.

- [Join](#) the CHPHC to receive monthly communication alerts about congenital heart defects and information and activities to improve outcomes for affected children and adults.

## Connections

### Have you logged in lately?

Now is a great time to check your contact information and committee interests and make any updates. Under "My Membership Information," click "Member Information" and then "Change Contact/Profile Info." Now update your profile.

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