



NBDPN News

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Around the Network

2015 NBDPN Annual Meeting

Network friends and members enjoyed educational sessions and networking at the annual meeting in Arlington, Virginia. A preconference workshop on health outcomes & service utilization was well attended. The meeting provided an opportunity to share and celebrate Network accomplishments, e.g., development of national standards for birth defects data quality (newly [published](#)), National Birth Defects Prevention Month [resource packet](#), multi-state collaborative epidemiologic projects and the newly finalized [NBDPN Strategic Plan 2015-2020](#).

Our Network Annual Meeting Committee volunteers and elected officers have not yet finalized Annual Meeting records. However, the NBDPN Silent Auction and T-shirt sales were considered a great success. Additional information is available on the [NBDPN website](#).

Network Awards

Each year, the NBDPN honors individuals and groups who distinguish themselves by their contribution to the field of birth defects and in service to the NBDPN. The following 2014 award winners were acknowledged during the 2015 meeting:

Award	Recipient
Godfrey P. Oakley, Jr. Award	Mark A. Canfield, PhD
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NBDPN President's Award	Peter Langlois, PhD
Distinguished Service Award	Glenn Copeland, MBA
Distinguished Service Award	Jane Correia
Birth Defects Education and Prevention Award	Utah Birth Defect Network
State Leadership Award	Texas Birth Defects Epidemiology and Surveillance Branch

NBDPN 2015 Annual Meeting Poster Session - Outstanding and Honorable Mentions

Many fine entries were received for the 2015 poster session with top honors awarded for surveillance, research and prevention categories. This year's blue ribbon recipients for outstanding posters were:

Category	Winner	Poster Title
Case Ascertainment	Florida Birth Defects Registry	An Updated Evaluation of the Sensitivity and Accuracy of Birth Defects Indicators Appearing on 2003 Revision of the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth: Has Anything Changed?
Birth Defects Risk Factors	Florida Health Department	Proportion of Critical Congenital Heart Defects Attributable to Unhealthy Pre-pregnancy Body Mass Index among Women with Live Births in Florida, 2004-2013
Birth Defects Rates and Trends	North Carolina Birth Defects Monitoring Program	Survival of Children with Trisomy 13 and Trisomy 18: A Population-Based Study from Nine U.S. States
Prevention, Intervention and	Michigan Birth Defects Registry	Cancer Risk in Children with Birth Defects: A Population-Based Registry Linkage Study, 1992-2011

Category	Winner	Poster Title
Public Policy		

[More on Awards](#)

Announcements and Updates

Cast Your Vote!

Nominations for the 2016 NBDPN elected offices are final. The deadline to cast your ballot is **December 9, 2015**. Vote today!

Journal of Registry Management

NBDPN issued the Call for Manuscripts for the themed issue on birth defects. Get your submission in by **Friday December 18th**. Questions? Contact Dr. Russell Kirby (813-396-2347, rkirby@health.usf.edu) or Dr. Wendy Nembhard (501-364-5001, wnnembhard@uams.edu).

Social Mediaphiles Needed

The Network needs your help to help boost our media presence! If interested, contact Joan Ehrhardt, NBDPN Publications and Communications Committee at nbdpn@nbdpn.org.

Articles of Potential Interest: Under Construction

The Network API (Articles of Potential Interest) feed is moving to the NBDPN members' only web space. The feed is disabled while in progress...we appreciate your patience!

Resource Highlights

January is Birth Defects Prevention Month

The NBDPN Education and Outreach Committee, along with partners from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, American Academy of Pediatrics and the Teratology Society, proudly present the 2016 Birth Defect Prevention Month packet with the theme of "Making Healthy Choices to Prevent Birth Defects - Make a **PACT** for Prevention." Find resources to use and share [here](#).

NBDPN Publishes the 2015 Annual Report

Find state surveillance summary data and birth defects research in the current issue of Birth Defects Research Part A, **Population-based birth defects data in the United States 2008-2012: Presentation of state-specific and descriptive brief on variability of prevalence.**

Facebook and Feedback

NBDPN Facebook Site

The NBDPN Facebook site is <https://www.facebook.com/nbdpn>. Be sure to "like" us on Facebook to get the latest NBDPN updates.



Twitter

Follow us on Twitter ([@NBDPN](#)). Spread the word with #1in33 and #LivingmyPACT.

Feedback on NBDPN News

If you have any suggestions or comments about the NBDPN News, especially suggestions for future topic ideas, please e-mail nbdpn@nbdpn.org.

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