



# NBDPN News

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## Announcements

### 2018 Annual Report

The [NBDPN's Annual Report](#) is now available! Published in a special issue of Birth Defects Research, the report provides directory information for birth defects programs, state-specific data on 45 selected birth defects and journal articles on birth defects surveillance and epidemiology. The 2018 Annual Report includes a [data brief](#) on birth defects of the eye and ear. Congratulations to the many birth defects programs, members and partners who contributed!

### Articles of Potential Interest

NBDPN is bringing back the articles of potential interest or "API", a list of peer-reviewed publications on the topic of birth defects, including:

- [Reviews](#)
- [Prevalence and Trends](#)
- [Etiological Research](#)

The lists will be updated quarterly. The initial findings can be reached through the links above. For any questions concerning the API, please contact [nbdpn@nbdpn.org](mailto:nbdpn@nbdpn.org).

## Network Elections

It is time to cast your [nonpartisan vote](#) for NBDPN officers. Nominations for the 2019 NBDPN elected offices were finalized and the ballots and bio-sketches sent via email on November 30th. Terms for the President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer-Elect, and Member-at-Large will run from January 1, 2019-December 31, 2019. The current President-Elect will assume the office of President and the Secretary-Treasurer-Elect will assume the office of Secretary-Treasurer for the term beginning on January 1, 2019.

Misplaced your ballot? Contact [nbdpn@nbdpn.org](mailto:nbdpn@nbdpn.org).

**The deadline is December 11, 2018.**

## Around the Network

### Best for You. Best for Baby.

The NBDPN Education and Outreach Committee is excited to present the **National Birth Defects Prevention Month** [2019 Digital Toolkit](#). The NBDPN works with multiple partners to develop this toolkit, focusing on the theme "Best for You. Best for Baby. 5 Tips for Preventing Birth Defects".

We invite you to use the toolkit and share it with your partners in order to design promotions, pick and choose relevant content, and copy or adapt the contents to take advantage of particular news or issues in local communities! Together, we will raise awareness about the impact of birth defects on our communities and to share tips for preventing birth defects during [January](#) and throughout the year.

## Member Survey

We will be sending out a member survey later this year so we can learn more about our members, the work that you do, and how NBDPN can help with your work. The survey is expected in January or February 2019, so stay tuned and be ready to provide your input!

## Program Manager Mentoring

At the 2018 in person meeting, NBDPN heard that program leaders need a regular networking opportunity to discuss challenges and share strategies. In response, NBDPN held its first program manager mentoring session by teleconference on November 13th. The call was a great success with 21 attendees from more than 15 states. Special thanks go to Vinita Leedom, SC, who led the discussion around three main questions:

1. *What does your program want to be known for?*
2. *Who are the potential partners who could use your data?*
3. *How do you promote your program's sustainability?*

A main takeaway was the importance of partnering with maternal and child health (Title V) programs in order to achieve mutual goals, create visibility for the birth defects program, and share birth defects data.

**The next call will be January 9, 2019.** To find out more, click the link below or contact [nbdpn@nbdpn.org](mailto:nbdpn@nbdpn.org).

[Mentoring Calls 2019](#)

## Partners Corner

### World Birth Defects Day

March 3, 2019 is the 5th annual World Birth Defects Day and this year's theme is "Many birth defects, one voice." Worldwide, 3-6% of babies are born with a birth defect. Over 120 organization around the world have committed to raise awareness fo birth defects this year. Learn how to get involved at [worldbirthdefectsday.org](http://worldbirthdefectsday.org) and raise awareness on social media using the hashtags #WorldBDDay #Worldbirthdefectsday and #manybirthdefects1voice.

### Human Teratogens Course

[Environmental Factors that Cause Birth Defects](#) will be held February 24-26, 2019 in Tampa, Florida. This course will provide information on the current knowledge and controversies in the field of teratology and counseling for pregnancy exposures. The course is being cosponsored by the University of South Florida, the Teratology Society and the Organization of Teratology Information Specialists (OTIS). Find out more [here](#).

## Connections

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