



NBDPN News

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Around the Network

2015 NBDPN Annual Meeting

Join us for the 2015 NBDPN Annual Meeting, October 19-21, at the [Key Bridge Marriott](#) in Arlington, VA. We have an exciting agenda covering birth defects surveillance, research and prevention. A training workshop on health outcomes & service utilization is planned for Sunday October 18th. Additional information is available on the [NBDPN website](#) or contact NBDPN_AM@nbdpn.org.

Call for Poster Abstracts

*Submission deadline: **Tuesday, September 1, 2015***

The NBDPN [Annual Meeting](#) will include a poster session, with awards for top presenters in each topic category. For more information, visit [Call for Posters webpage](#) or contact posters@nbdpn.org.

Call for Award Nominations

*Submission deadline: **Friday, August 14, 2015***

Have you heard of great happenings around the Network and in the birth defects community? Consider taking a moment to nominate these individuals, programs or agencies for an NBDPN award, which will be presented during the NBDPN Annual Meeting. Additional information is available at http://www.nbdpn.org/call_award.php.

New 2015-2020 NBDPN Strategic Plan

The NBDPN Strategic Plan is now available on the NBDPN website ([Long version](#), [Short version](#)). As a member, you are invited to review the plan and provide comments by **Friday, August 28, 2015**. If you have any questions, want to provide comments, or would like to be involved with implementation, please contact Jane.Correia@flhealth.gov.

New Mentoring Program

NBDPN is excited to announce the birth of a new mentoring program. Want to share your expertise with others or enhance your knowledge and skills? We are looking for people to serve as a mentor or to be mentored. An application form is available in the [NBDPN members only section](#). If you have any questions, please contact mentor@nbdpn.org.

Announcements and Updates

Social Mediaphiles Needed

Want to help spread the word about birth defects surveillance, prevention and research? 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.

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

July is National Cleft and Craniofacial Awareness and Prevention Month

Each year in the US, about 2,600 babies are born with a cleft palate and 4,400 are born with a cleft lip, with or without a cleft palate. Individuals and program partners are invited to follow @CDC_NCBDDD and comment, re-post and re-tweet awareness messages. More info about **National Cleft and Craniofacial Awareness Month** can be found at <http://www.nccapm.org/about.html>.

New NBDPN Multi-state Collaborative Project Publication

A new NBDPN multi-state collaborative paper on omphalocele was epub in Obstetrics & gynecology this month. Read the abstract [here](#).

Marshall J, et al. Prevalence, Correlates, and Outcomes of Omphalocele in the United States, 1995–2005. *Obstetrics & Gynecology*. e-pub ahead of print.

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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