



NBDPN News

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Around the Network

New 2015-2020 Strategic Plan

The NBDPN Strategic Plan is now available on the website. For more information contact [Jane Correia](#).

Network Mentor/Mentee Preview

NBDPN is setting up a mentoring program. Need help with cluster investigations? Have a special interest in data linkage? The Network encourages all interested mentors and mentees to participate, stay tuned! Questions? Contact mentor@nbdpn.org.

Announcements and Updates

NBDPN Twitter Handle

Follow us on Twitter ([@NBDPN](#))! The first World Birth Defects Day, was held on March 3, 2015. The NBDPN joined with 11 other domestic and international organizations using the hashtag #worldbdday to reach 3.3 million users!

Social Mediaphiles Needed

The Network needs several of media savvy members to help in connecting and spreading the word about birth defects surveillance, prevention and research. If interested, contact Joan Ehrhardt, NBDPN Publications and Communications Committee at nbdpn@nbdpn.org.

Annual Report

The NBDPN is currently updating data for the 2015 Annual Report slated for publication in November of this year. To view data and articles from previous year's publications click [here](#).

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!

NBDPN Resource Highlights

Reproductive Health and the Workplace

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) offers information and resources online regarding potential exposures in the workplace: <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/repro/>

Research tool: the NIOSH industry and occupation computerized coding system (NIOCCS) is a web-based software tool designed to translate industry and occupation (I&O) text to standardized I&O codes. NIOCCS is available free of charge and requires only internet access and a web browser for use. Find more info on NIOCCS here: <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/coding/overview.html>

Make a PACT for Prevention

January is Birth Defects Prevention Month, but every day is the day to spread the word about prevention strategies every woman can employ to help prevent birth defects. Find Birth Defects Prevention Month 2015 and prior packets at [link: http://www.nbdpn.org/national_birth_defects_prevent.php] If you are interested in helping plan the 2016 Birth Defects Prevention Month please contact [Mary Knapp](#).

Racial/ethnic differences in survival of United States children with birth defects: a population-based study

Published in The Journal of Pediatrics in April 2015. [Key Findings]<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/25641238>

Updated Estimates of Neural Tube Defects Prevented by Mandatory Folic Acid Fortification — United States, 1995–2011

Published in MMWR on 1/16/2015. <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6401a2.htm>

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.



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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