



NBDPN

NATIONAL BIRTH DEFECTS
PREVENTION NETWORK

October 2024

Coming Soon!

- New Revised NBDPN Website
- New NBDPN Membership Portal
- YouTube Video: “Inside NBDPN”
- NBDPN 2024-2028 Strategic Plan



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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

NBDPN Grant Funding

NBDPN received funding from CDC for Year 2 of the Cooperative Agreement “Enhancing partnerships to address birth defects, infant disorders and related conditions, and the health of pregnant and postpartum people,” which began September 30th. The first project year focused on hiring and organizing staff, strategic planning, and establishing performance measures. During Year 2, NBDPN will continue to work on activities and objectives established in Year 1, with additional funding to support the 2025 NBDPN National Conference. Funded activities include data collection, dissemination of data-informed products, building capacity and technical assistance, and partnerships.

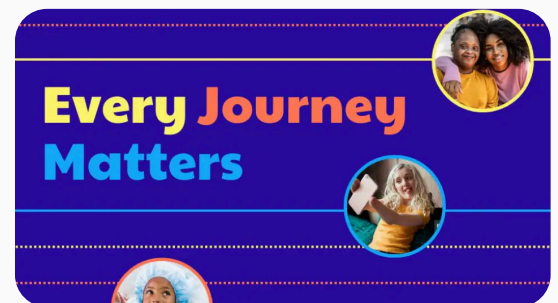


National standards on data quality and data utility for birth defects surveillance

The Data Quality Indicator (DQI) has been approved and is now available on the NBDPN website. Access to the form is provided by the following link, [Birth Defects Surveillance Guidelines - National Birth Defects Prevention Network \(nbdpn.org\)](#).

2025 National Birth Defects Awareness Month

The Birth Defects Awareness Month 2025 Workgroup has launched - a Workgroup Lead is needed for this effort. Please contact Jeni Waldrop (Jennifer.Waldrop@tn.gov) if you or any of your colleagues are interested.



2025 National Conference!

The 2025 NBDPN National Conference will be held in Denver, CO (June 28th - July 2nd) and will be planned in collaboration with the Society for Birth Defects Research and Prevention (BDRP). If you are interested in organizing a 1-hour breakout or roundtable session and have identified a presenter(s) for the session, please complete the proposal form linked here. Submission deadline is November 1, 2024. If you have any questions, please contact Ashley Mallett at amallett@nbdpn.org.

Partner's Corner



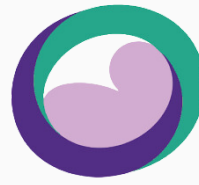
US Centers for the Disease Control and Prevention News, New Tools & Resources

Check out the CDC [collection of accessible resources](#) as part of a [new web portal](#)!

Free Webinar on [Thalassemia: Thalassemia Overview for Pediatricians](#), November 7th 2-3 pm et. ET. Register [here](#).

Organization of Teratology Information Specialists (OTIS/ MotherToBaby)

Check out OTIS/MTB educational tools, resources, and fact sheets: [Radiation One Pager](#); [Vaccinations During Pregnancy One Pager](#); and MTB Fact sheets ([Dengue](#), [H5N1 Flu](#), [Penicillin](#))



MotherToBaby

MotherToBaby Recent Podcast Episodes:
[Episode 75: Debunking Folic Acid Myths Podcast](#)



Birth Defects Research Special Issue: Vaccines during Pregnancy and Lactation "Call for Paper". This special issue will focus on current gaps in research, community-engagement, and policy issues related to vaccine use during pregnancy and lactation.

Initial submission deadline is November 30th, 2024. For more information on submission guidelines and instructions click [here](#).

Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs



[Early bird registration](#) for the 2025 AMCHP Annual Conference is open! You can now take advantage of our early bird pricing to attend our much-awaited annual conference in person from March 15 – 18, 2025, at The Westin, Washington DC Downtown, in Washington, DC.

Our newest MCH Bridges episode is now live! [Episode 20 – Care Maps: The Power of Mapping Support for Children and Families](#). This episode, dives into the world of care mapping, as a continued conversation from a skills-building session at the 2024 AMCHP Annual Conference.

In November 2022, AMCHP launched the [Building Resilience from Lived Experience](#) anthology, in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD). With September marking the observance of [National Preparedness Month](#), AMCHP is excited to share [a snapshot of lessons learned](#) throughout this journey, as well as [a compilation video](#) with highlights from the anthology contributions, recorded conference panels, and reflections from our team about the project and its significance.

Committee Spotlight

Get to know what's happening in the network!

Health Promotions (HP)- Folic Acid Awareness Week (FAAW)

Folic Acid Awareness Week was a great success! Thank you to the workgroup for their hard work and efforts to bring great information to our membership community and beyond. The Listening Session with MotherToBaby and Dr. Shannon Clark was very well attended and well received – so informative and insightful. Click [here](#) for the recording. Please provide us your feedback if you/your state utilized any of our FAAW materials ([survey](#)) and/or attended the Listening Session ([survey](#)).

Program & Professional Development (PPD)- Abstractor Networking Group

The Abstractor Networking Group is off to a great start! Thank you to the workgroup for creating a space for Abstractors to share expertise and knowledge through presentations and discussions with other abstractors. Join us, meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 1 pm eastern.

Other Committees:

- Surveillance Data (SD) Committee
- Surveillance Guidelines and Standards Committee (SGSC)

For more information on each Committee, [please click here](#).

Monthly Recognitions

OCTOBER

- Breastfeeding Awareness Month
- National Immunization Awareness Month
- Spina Bifida Awareness Month
- Down Syndrome Awareness Month
- Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month
- RSV Awareness Month
- Healthcare Quality Week
- Medical Ultrasound
- Health Literacy
- Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Awareness Month

NOVEMBER

- Prematurity Awareness Month
- National Family Caregivers Month
- Prematurity Awareness Day (November 17th)
- National Family Health History Day
- DiGeorge Syndrome Awareness Day (November 22nd)

DECEMBER

- National Influenza Vaccination Week (December 4th-8th)
- International Day of Persons with Disability (December 3rd)

Connect with Us!

The NBDPN newsletter is a quarterly publication scheduled for January, April, July, and October.

Please submit any member-related communications or other network updates such as workgroups accomplishments, announcements, upcoming events, etc [here](mailto:adriver@nbdpn.org) to adriver@nbdpn.org.

How can you engage?

- Talk with your Communications teams about sharing NBDPN posts to your feed
- Use our prepared social media posts for key campaigns, such as Folic Acid Awareness Week and Birth Defects Awareness Month
- Please **follow, like, share, save, and comment** on our posts!

Our carefully crafted posts include information for the *entire MCH population*, but most of our existing followers are Network members, like YOU! We need your help to get our message out there.

connect with us today!

