



# NBDPN News

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## Around the Network

### NBDPN Member Resources

Have you logged in to the NBDPN website to visit the members area lately? When you do, you will find links to analytical tools and resources developed by members for use by the birth defects surveillance community, as well as webinars, available free. Continuing education credits are available. Go to [www.nbdpn.org](http://www.nbdpn.org) and login to access the webinars.

### Webinars

- Follow the Blood
- March of Dimes' Peristats: A Collaborative Platform for Maternal and Child Health Data
- Practical Applications of Spatial Analysis in Birth Defects Surveillance

### Network Committee List Clean-up

We are in the process of cleaning up the committee email lists. If you find that you stop receiving emails for a committee that you currently serve on, or if you know of a committee email list you would like to be removed from or added to, please email us at [nbdpn@nbdpn.org](mailto:nbdpn@nbdpn.org).

### 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 October or November, so stay tuned and be ready to provide your input!

## 2015-2020 Strategic Plan: Update on the Mid-Course Review

NBDPN has grown as an organization. Over the last 20 years, many products and services have been produced through the collective expertise and collaboration of Network members. Recognizing the importance of working strategically, the NBDPN leadership recommended a mid-course review of the current Strategic Plan.

[Read More](#)

## Membership Drive

The 2018-19 NBDPN annual membership drive is almost over. Thanks to our 2018 Member-At-Large, Sarah Henry, it has been a huge success! As of September 10, NBDPN has 210 members with 36 of those members joining in 2018. Included in the count are 14 life-time members, recipients of the Godfrey P. Oakley award. Also included are 15 unpaid members, who have until September 15 to renew for the current membership year. Any unpaid members will be dropped after September 15, 2018. To those of you who have renewed your membership, thank you!

**NBDPN operations are 100% supported by membership dues.** For our 2018 annual operating budget, we are projecting expenses of \$8,700. These funds pay for operating expenses, such as the NBDPN website, accounting fees, insurance, incorporation fees, banking fees, and so forth. To have the funds necessary to operate, we must maintain approximately 150 paid members. Our next membership drive will start in April of 2019 for the 2019-20 membership year.

If you have questions about membership or the NBDPN annual operating budget, please direct questions to [Kim Hauser](#), 2018 Secretary-Treasurer Elect.

## Partners Corner

### Alcohol and Pregnancy Don't Mix

In September, the National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome ([N.O.F.A.S.](#)) is highlighting important information about the potential effects of alcohol during pregnancy. Find the FASD awareness toolkit [here](#).

### FASD Toolkit for Pediatric Providers

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) designed the [Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders \(FASD\) Toolkit](#) to raise awareness, promote surveillance and screening, and ensure that all affected children receive appropriate and timely interventions.

## Connections

### Share Your Story and Give Feedback on NBDPN News

If you have any news to share, comments about the NBDPN News, or suggestions for future topic ideas, please e-mail [News@nbdpn.org](mailto:News@nbdpn.org) or [nbdpn@nbdpn.org](mailto:nbdpn@nbdpn.org). Tell us how we're doing by taking this [brief survey!](#)

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