



NBDPN's 'Day in May'

## Network Response to Zika Virus

Following concerns identified by the international health community, the NBDPN Executive Committee's ad hoc Zika Response Group first met in January 2016. The group now meets regularly to develop strategic activities to address the current Zika virus outbreak.

Of particular concern to Network members is [the association between prenatal Zika infection and the occurrence of microcephaly](#). Activities in development include the rapid surveillance of microcephaly in multiple states, the 2016 Annual Report Data Brief on microcephaly, and NBDPN guidance for state birth defects programs in regard to surveillance and prevention.

"What is the risk for microcephaly in a baby born to a mother who has Zika infection during pregnancy?"

"What is the range of severity for Zika virus related microcephaly?"

"What are the long term issues that babies with prenatal Zika infection and their families face?"

To begin to address concerns like these, the nation needs better information, data, regarding the occurrence and causes of microcephaly. The resources below have been prepared by Network members, in collaboration with partners such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), including:

- Surveillance for Microcephaly [webinar slides](#),
- Network standard [case definition and surveillance notes for microcephaly](#), and
- Member updates

## About the National Birth Defects Prevention Network

Founded in 1997, the NBDPN is an organization of state-based programs, partner organizations and other volunteers with interests in birth defects surveillance and prevention. It targets the needs of children and families affected by birth defects. The NBDPN has developed birth defects registry standards that establish core requirements for effective surveillance efforts and promote uniformity across state and regional registries. NBDPN is a resource to state health departments with no birth defects surveillance system, who are seeking resources to address known risk factors and the needs of individuals with birth defects. The Network provides tools to support surveillance work, materials for prevention outreach and leadership in research and translation of results into action.

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