



# NBDPN News

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## NBDPN Board of Directors

### NBDPN Membership Renewal

Your current NBDPN membership will expire on June 30, 2022. The Network has sent out renewal notices with payment due no later than August 31, 2022. Network operations are 100% supported by our membership dues. As with everything else our costs are increasing, which means we need to move forward with our planned annual dues increase to \$100. If you are a program manager whose organization covers NBDPN dues and would like to receive a single program invoice, please email [nbdpninc@nbdpn.org](mailto:nbdpninc@nbdpn.org).

### Listening Session

The Board is planning to host another Listening Session with NBDPN members on August 8 from 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern time. As we continue our efforts to better understand the needs of our membership, we invite you to attend this moderated conversation. This event will be hosted by the NBDPN Board and is open to all NBDPN members.

### 2023 NBDPN National Conference

Our in-person conference for 2023 in Atlanta, Georgia will *tentatively* be held from February 26th to *March 1st*. Please be on the lookout for more information regarding travel guidance, registration, calls for proposals/posters, etc.

### Important Upcoming Dates:

- May 1 – August 31 NBDPN Membership Renewal
- September 15-29 Board Nominations
- September 11-17 Folic Acid Awareness Week
- October 12, 2022 Annual Membership Meeting (2:00 pm to 4:00 pm EDT)
- October 12 -26 Board Elections
- *February 26-March 1, 2023 Tentative NBDPN National Conference dates*

## Announcements and Updates

### NBDPN Data Quality Assessment Tool

The NBDPN Data Quality Assessment Tool was distributed to program contacts this month. This self-assessment tool, first administered in 2015, includes performance indicators and associated measurements for data quality focused on data completeness, timeliness, and accuracy. Programs will be asked to review and update

the assessment tool to reflect current performance levels. The Network continues to conduct ongoing assessments of data quality performance measures and standards with the goal of improving and standardizing data across state programs, thereby making birth defects data more consistent and useful for a variety of purposes at local and national levels.

## CDC Updates

### **Webinar: “An Overview of Public Health Initiatives and a State's Perspective,” July 22, 2022, 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm EDT**

CDC and the Public Health Informatics Institute (PHII) are pleased to invite you to this webinar. This is the final webinar in a four-part series hosted by PHII that aims to improve knowledge and understanding of implementing and/or enhancing interoperability for birth defects surveillance. Please use this [link](#) to register for the webinar. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. If you are unable to attend the webinar, it will be recorded and available on the [phii.org](#) website. Recordings of the previous three webinars are also available on the [phii.org](#) website.

### **Publications**

Follow the link below to a list of articles of potential interest.

[Publications](#)

## Partner Corner

### **[Maternal and Child Health Journal Supplement on Public Health Approaches to Perinatal Substance Use](#)**

The Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs (AMCHP) and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) are pleased to announce a forthcoming supplement on “Public Health Approaches to Perinatal Substance Use,” to be published by the Maternal and Child Health Journal. This supplement will feature articles that address policies and programs dedicated to expanding access to mental health and substance use care during the perinatal period. MCH researchers, state and local public health professionals, healthcare providers, policymakers, advocates at community-based organizations, and other allied professionals are encouraged to submit manuscripts. Please read their [Call for Papers](#) to learn more and [register](#) to attend a writing workshop with Timothy Dye, Editor-in-Chief of the MCH Journal.

For questions, please email Amani Echols (AMCHP) at [aechols@amchp.org](mailto:aechols@amchp.org).

### **[AMCHP is seeking stories of resilience in times of public health emergencies](#)**

The Association of Maternal Child Health Programs (AMCHP)'s Public Health Emergency Preparedness National Workgroup hopes to identify potential contributors within NBDPN to collect testimonials that aim to:

- Build emergency preparedness and response capacity of maternal and child health (MCH) professionals and stakeholders,
- Share evidence-based practices and best practices for supporting MCH communities during emergencies, and
- Uplift the efforts and stories of MCH communities, and those who support them, in ways that center lived experiences

Your perspectives and insights can help guide the actions of agencies who support MCH populations, and help others consider implementing similar practices in their communities. AMCHP will share submitted stories (once approved by original contributors) on a publicly available web platform.

This [Information Guide](#) explains the types of testimonials and ways you can share

your story. You can [fill out the interest form](#) and an AMCHP staff member will be in touch to support you through the submission process.

If you know of folks who could provide valuable contributes, please share this opportunity with them! Here is a flyer that you can [download](#) and share as well. If you have any questions or would like more information about the purpose or intended scope of this project you can contact our team at [PHEP@AMCHP.org](mailto:PHEP@AMCHP.org).

### **Webinar: "Iowa's experience in creating birth defects registry and interaction with NBS," August 3, 2022 at 3PM EDT**

The HRSA-funded Innovations in Newborn Screening Interoperability (INBSI) program will be hosting a free webinar where Dr. Paul Romitti will be discussing Iowa's experience in creating a birth defects registry and its interaction with newborn screening programs. All are welcome to attend by [registering in advance](#). As well, a recording of the meeting will be posted afterwards on the Resources page of the [INBSI Resource Center](#).

## **Connections**

The NBDPN Social Media Workgroup develops content for the NBDPN social media feeds Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Most of our posts include information for the maternal and child health population, but most of our followers are YOU. Please bookmark our social media pages and **share** our posts, which cover all topics related to birth defects/anomalies. Connect with your local partners on social media (eg. county health departments, federally qualified health centers, culturally specific community-based organizations, and more) to get the messages out further. Follow and share the NBDPN pages listed below:



NBDPN SOCIAL MEDIA WORKGROUP INVITES YOU TO:

# SHARE OUR POSTS TO REACH LOCAL COMMUNITIES!

OUR SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS ARE YOU, BUT OUR MESSAGES ARE FOR THE PUBLIC. HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!

### **Connect With Us**

