

*Monday, February 23, 3:30-5:00PM
Concurrent Breakout Session B*

Different Strokes: How the Mission and Objectives of a Birth Defects Program Shape its Data Collection and Uses

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Approaches to birth defects surveillance in the U.S. can vary greatly among state programs depending on internal and external forces that drive how programs are established and implemented. In this session, three birth defects surveillance programs will discuss the development and interaction of their program's mission, objectives and operations with their respective histories, populations and legislative mandates. The programs will offer insights into the forces that shape their systems and how this affects their data collection and uses.