

Call for Session Proposals

The National Birth Defects Prevention Network (NBDPN) will host its 14th annual conference in Orlando, Florida from February 28-March 2, 2011 focusing on advances and opportunities for birth defects surveillance, research, and prevention. The NBDPN 2011 Annual Meeting Planning Committee is now accepting session proposals for the conference. We are particularly interested in proposals with a broad appeal or those involving multi-state collaboration.

Suggested Session Topics

- **Birth Defects Surveillance**
 - Emerging issues in birth defect surveillance
 - Data collection and presentation: abstractor training, data collection tools, web-based data collection, remote access to electronic medical records
 - Issues with coding and classification
 - Analytic strategies for surveillance programs
 - Special or at-risk populations

- **Birth Defects Research and Epidemiology**
 - Statistical methods for birth defects epidemiology
 - Current state of knowledge of birth defect risk factors
 - Emerging issues in birth defects epidemiology
 - Specific defect embryology and risk factors
 - Co-morbidity and long-term outcomes

- **Birth Defects Prevention and Referral to Services**
 - Folic acid awareness campaigns
 - Referral to services and intervention
 - Preconception health
 - Innovative approaches to prevention and referral to services

Proposal Deadline: **Friday, August 27, 2010**

The NBDPN 2011 Annual Meeting Planning Committee will review submitted proposals and consider those that best meet the conference needs and objectives. Notification of proposal status will be made by September 15, 2010. As space on the program is limited, depending on level of enthusiasm, some proposal ideas may be recommended for submission as poster abstracts. Please note that speakers are expected to cover their travel expenses for the conference.

How to Submit

All proposals must be submitted online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SSY3BH9> by Friday, August 27, 2010. You may begin the submission process and return to your saved proposal any time up until the submission deadline. Faxed or mailed proposals will not be accepted.

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