

*Tuesday, February 12, 3:30PM-5:00PM  
Concurrent Breakout Session D*

***Brainstorming Collaborative NBDPN Projects***

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This session will cover the process of developing and conducting collaborative research projects involving individual-level data from participating state birth defects surveillance programs. Two recent projects will be used to illustrate the process of identifying a research topic, recruiting collaborators, and collecting, analyzing, and disseminating the findings. This will serve as the basis for an open discussion regarding ideas for possible future collaborative projects. Benefits that a state may obtain from participating in a collaborative project, as well as strategies for increasing involvement will also be addressed.