



NATIONAL CENTER ON BIRTH DEFECTS & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES



Key Accomplishments

2011-2015 Strategic Plan



SAVING BABIES THROUGH BIRTH DEFECTS PREVENTION AND RESEARCH

- Assisted state programs with developing contingency plans for maintaining newborn screening operations in the event of emergencies
- Supported development of surveillance for NTDs in two low- to middle-income countries to evaluate prevention
- Assessed percentage of medications with sufficient data to determine risk in pregnancy
- Promoted alcohol screening and brief intervention in primary care for reproductive aged women



HELPING CHILDREN LIVE TO THE FULLEST BY UNDERSTANDING DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

- Expanded capacity to validate and analyze data related to hearing screenings and audiology tests
- Evaluated the presence of racial and ethnic disparities in the proportion of children with ASDs having a first evaluation by 36 months of age
- Collected and analyzed standardized, longitudinal data on needs, service utilization, environmental factors and health and developmental outcomes for persons with select conditions



PROTECTING PEOPLE AND PREVENTING COMPLICATIONS OF BLOOD DISORDERS

- For the first time, estimated state-specific prevalence and characteristic information on people with sickle cell disease through Registry and Surveillance System for Hemoglobinopathies (RuSH)
- Exposed more than 70 million people to knowledge about VTE risk factors through the Stop the Clot. Spread the Word. Campaign
- Combated the development of treatment inhibitors by establishing a baseline rate of routine inhibitor screening and working toward a goal rate of 100% screening in hemophilia treatment centers



IMPROVING HEALTH OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

- Developed practice guidance focusing on methods for including PWD in obesity prevention/intervention programs
- Documented top health disparities experienced by people with disabilities
- Ensured that State D&H programs apply an inclusion approach to targeted public health campaigns/interventions