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Genomics and Newborn Screening Newsletter

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Labor of Love



Come Meet us!

Join us on Dec. 8 at the 2022 Labor of Love Summit to celebrate 10 years of Maternal and Child Health. Throughout the summit, you will have the opportunity to meet the Genomics & Newborn Screening team along with other IDOH MCH Programs in a designated room. Along with a space to chat, we will have resources and education materials available. We look forward to seeing you at the 10th annual Labor of Love Summit!



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2022 Highlights

Newborn Screening

We increased our Monthly Summary Report (MSR) education efforts by creating a new [MSR Quick Guide](#), updating our MSR Training on IN-Train, and direct outreach to birthing hospitals and midwives for timely and accurate MSR reporting!

Be on the lookout for an MSR webinar in January!

We would like to extend our sincerest appreciation to all MSR reporters for working diligently to ensure cases are reported so timely follow-up can occur.

59% **Decrease in late and missing MSRs!**

This enables timely follow-up to ensure every infant receives newborn screening.

Indiana Birth Defects and Problems Registry (IBDPR)

We have partnered with the Indiana Alliance on Prenatal Substance Exposure to create patient-centered content for caregivers and individuals living with a fetal alcohol spectrum disorder. Visit this [link](#) to check it out!

We applied for a cooperative agreement with the CDC to improve autism spectrum disorder surveillance in Indiana. This four-year project would not only improve data collection, but it would generate additional resources for Hoosier families. If awarded, we'll be sure to let you know.

For the past year, we have pushed birth defect awareness through several educational opportunities. We are looking forward to continuing awareness through community partnerships!

Meet Krista vonBurg!



I am located in Fort Wayne and have been a member of the GNBS team for five years as a chart abstractor for IBDPR. I also collaborate on several GNBS projects, attend conferences and symposiums, and I am member of the National Birth Defects Prevention Network.

I received my Bachelor of Science in public health from Indiana University.

In my free time, I enjoy golfing, playing tennis and pickleball, and downhill skiing with my husband and twin sons.

Onward to 2023

IBDPR

The Indiana Folic Acid Awareness Campaign (INFAAC) is set to officially launch in January 2023! This community-based initiative is geared towards improving folic acid intake and knowledge to decrease the number of babies born with a neural tube defect. Stay tuned for more information!

January is National Birth Defect Awareness month! We will provide tips for *Healthy Communities and Healthy Babies*. Follow the Indiana Department of Health on social media during January!

We are seeking to engage and connect with families! If you have an opportunity or event you would like us to partake in, please feel free to email us at IBDPR@isdh.in.gov.

Newborn Screening

We will continue our birthing facility site visits. These visits help to engage our birthing partners to better understand how to serve them and their communities. We have completed 28 visits, and we hope to expand our efforts to visit all facilities and licensed birth centers in 2023.

We plan to continue working toward creating and implementing interoperability through which to receive newborn screening orders and results. This is a long-term effort that is in the beginning stages, but we are excited to continue the effort as it will benefit all partners. If your organization is interested in implementing electronic orders and results, please reach out to Allison at aforkner@health.in.gov.

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