Resources and Support for NBS Programs

NewSTEPs and the NBSG Program at APHL have numerous technical assistance resources to support NBS programs and stakeholders:

- National meetings
  - Newborn Screening and Genetics Testing Symposium
  - Short Term Follow-up
  - New Disorders
  - Timeliness
- Live and archived educational webinars
- Molecular Assessment Program (MAP) reviews, conducted in collaboration with CDC
- Comprehensive laboratory and follow up site reviews
- Workshops for:
  - Tandem mass spectrometry for laboratory and follow-up staff
  - Molecular training
  - New disorders
- Training materials and laboratory tools
- Fellowships in NBS and bioinformatics
- National NBS data and data visualizations

Mission

A healthier world through quality laboratory systems.

Vision

Shape national and global health outcomes by promoting the value and contributions of public health laboratories and continuously improving the public health laboratory system and practice.

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What is APHL?
The Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL) works to build effective laboratory systems in the US and globally. The association represents state and local governmental health labs that monitor and detect public health threats.

What is Newborn Screening?
Newborn screening (NBS) is a state public health service intended to identify individuals in a population who may be at an increased risk of a certain disorder. It is recognized as the largest and most successful disease prevention system in the United States and saves or improves the lives of over 12,000 babies a year.

Newborn Screening at APHL
APHL’s Newborn Screening and Genetics (NBSG) Program strengthens the role of public health laboratories in population screening and designs strategies to address changes in the field of NBS. The APHL NBSG program activities are guided by a number of committees, workgroups and task forces. If you are an APHL member and interested in contributing, please email newborn.screening@aphl.org.

What is NewSTEPs?
A component of APHL’s NBSG Program, the Newborn Screening Technical Assistance and Evaluation Program (NewSTEPs) serves as a national NBS resource center designed to provide data, technical assistance, and training to NBS programs and assist states with quality improvement initiatives. The NewSTEPs mission is to achieve the highest quality for newborn screening systems by providing relevant, accurate tools and resources and to facilitate collaboration between state programs and other newborn screening partners.

Visit www.newsteps.org for more information.

“NewSTEPs provides invaluable assistance, resources and support to NBS laboratories and follow-up teams. Thanks for helping all of us strengthen our NBS programs and support our families!”

-NewSTEPs Participant in Trust Survey

New to Newborn Screening?
Start Here!
1. Access the NewSTEPs resource library for educational webinars, sample materials, and state screening data which can be filtered by disorder, type and topic. Here are a few to get started:
   - Oklahoma NBS Program Resource Guide
   - Colorado/Wyoming Every Hour Counts Video
   - NBS is more than a Test Flyer
   - Kansas Baby’s First Week Chart

2. Schedule a NewSTEPs website and data repository overview to learn more about our resources and the data we collect.

3. Join the NewSTEPs CoLLABorate online community to ask questions, share expertise and resources and interact with peers.

For more information email newsteps@aphl.org