

3701-57-01 Definitions.

As used in this chapter

- (A) "Abnormal condition" means any condition established at conception or acquired in utero which results in a morphologic (structural), metabolic (biochemical), functional or behavioral derangement necessitating medical or other intervention.
- (B) "Birth defect" means an abnormal condition resulting from an error of metabolism (biochemical), morphogenesis (structural) or both, which is either established at conception or in utero including congenital tumors and birth marks (hamartoneoplasia).
- (C) "Birth Defects Information System" or "system" means the collection and maintenance of information regarding abnormal conditions, birth defects and congenital anomalies of fetal deaths and of children from birth to five years of age, and the provision of referral services to families with a child from birth to five years of age with a birth defect. In Ohio, the system is named the "Ohio Connections for Children with Special Needs" or "OCCSN".
- (D) "Congenital anomaly" means an error of morphogenesis (structural) which is either established at conception or acquired during intrauterine life.
- (E) "Director" means the director of the Ohio department of health or his or her designee.
- (F) "Freestanding birthing center" means any facility in which deliveries routinely occur, regardless of whether the facility is located on the campus of another health care facility, and which is licensed under Chapter 3711. of the Revised Code as level one, two, or three maternity unit or a limited maternity unit.
- (G) "Hospital" means a hospital classified under section 3701.07 of the Revised Code as a general hospital or children's hospital.
- (H) "Local health department" means a health department operated by the board of health of a city or general health district or the authority having the duties of a board of health under section 3709.05 of the Revised Code.
- (I) "Physician" means an individual authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery.
- (J) "Referral services" means a formal process to assure that parents or guardians of children with birth defects are informed of medical and support services for which they may be eligible in order to improve health outcomes and/or enhance the quality of their children's lives.
- (K) "Stillbirth" or "fetal death" means death of a product of conception of at least twenty weeks of gestation prior to the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother which, after such expulsion or extraction, does not breathe or show any other evidence of life such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles.
- (L) "Surveillance" means the ongoing systematic collection, analysis, interpretation and

dissemination of outcome-specific data for use in the planning, implementation and evaluation of public health practice.

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