

The Oklahoma Birth Defects Registry (**OBDR**) is a state-mandated, population-based, active surveillance system which monitors over 1,000 types of birth defects and syndromes.

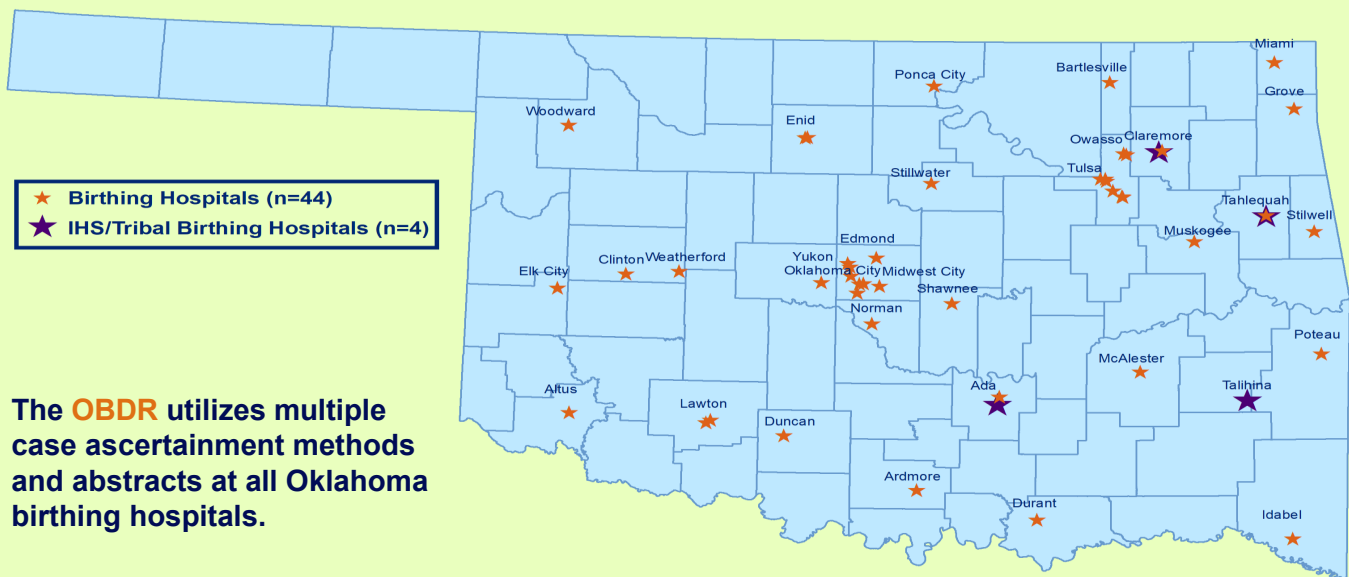
The **OBDR** works to:

- Reduce the occurrence of birth defects.
- Reduce infant mortality.
- Enhance early detection of birth defects.
- Improve the quality of life for both babies diagnosed with a birth defect and their families by serving as a resource for education, awareness, and advocacy.

The **OBDR**:

- Has identified more than 48,000 babies born with at least one birth defect to Oklahoma residents since 1992.[†]
- Refers children with some automatic qualifying conditions to SoonerStart. SoonerStart is Oklahoma's early intervention program designed to meet the needs of infants and toddlers with disabilities and developmental delays.
- Refers families to Oklahoma Family Network (OFN). OFN is a parent-to-parent network which connects families with other families who have children with similar disabilities.
- Provides multivitamins containing folic acid to county health departments for distribution to women of childbearing age.
- Disseminates birth defect awareness and prevention materials across the state.

Oklahoma Birthing Hospitals



The **OBDR** utilizes multiple case ascertainment methods and abstracts at all Oklahoma birthing hospitals.

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“Things I have learned from working with the **OBDR** as a parent advocate have made me more confident when telling my son's story and has given me the knowledge needed to better interact with families dealing with a wide range of medical issues.”

— An Oklahoma advocate and mother of a child with hypoplastic left heart syndrome