16-40-3. Purposes of system.

The birth defects information system may be used for all of the following purposes:

1. To identify and describe congenital anomalies, stillbirths and abnormal conditions of newborns;

2. To detect trends and epidemics in congenital anomalies, stillbirths and abnormal conditions of newborns;

3. To quantify morbidity and mortality of congenital anomalies and abnormal conditions of newborns;

4. To stimulate epidemiological research regarding congenital anomalies, stillbirths and abnormal conditions of newborns;

5. To identify risk factors for congenital anomalies, stillbirths and abnormal conditions of newborns;

6. To facilitate intervention in and prevention of congenital anomalies, stillbirths and abnormal conditions of newborns;

7. To facilitate access to treatment for congenital anomalies and abnormal conditions of newborns;

8. To inform and educate the public about congenital anomalies, stillbirths and abnormal conditions of newborns.