



Genetic Ambassadors Call  
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May 26, 2020

Hello! I am Kristi



- Social Media Coordinator for MSRGN and MSGRC since 2012
- Consumer Engagement Director for MSRGN in 2018- present
- BS Chemistry Penn State and MS in Chemistry UCLA
- A mom to a child who doctor's suspect had a mitochondrial disease
- My other hat- Patient Advocate for EmpoweredAdvocacy.com

Introductions:  
WRAP up- one  
highlight of being  
part of MSRGN/GA  
and one suggestion  
for improvement



Guest speaker:  
Annie Evans  
Topic:  
Newborn screening  
Virtual education



\*\*Public health  
genetics week  
\*calendar updates  
\*Big Announcement

# Agenda



GUEST SPEAKER:

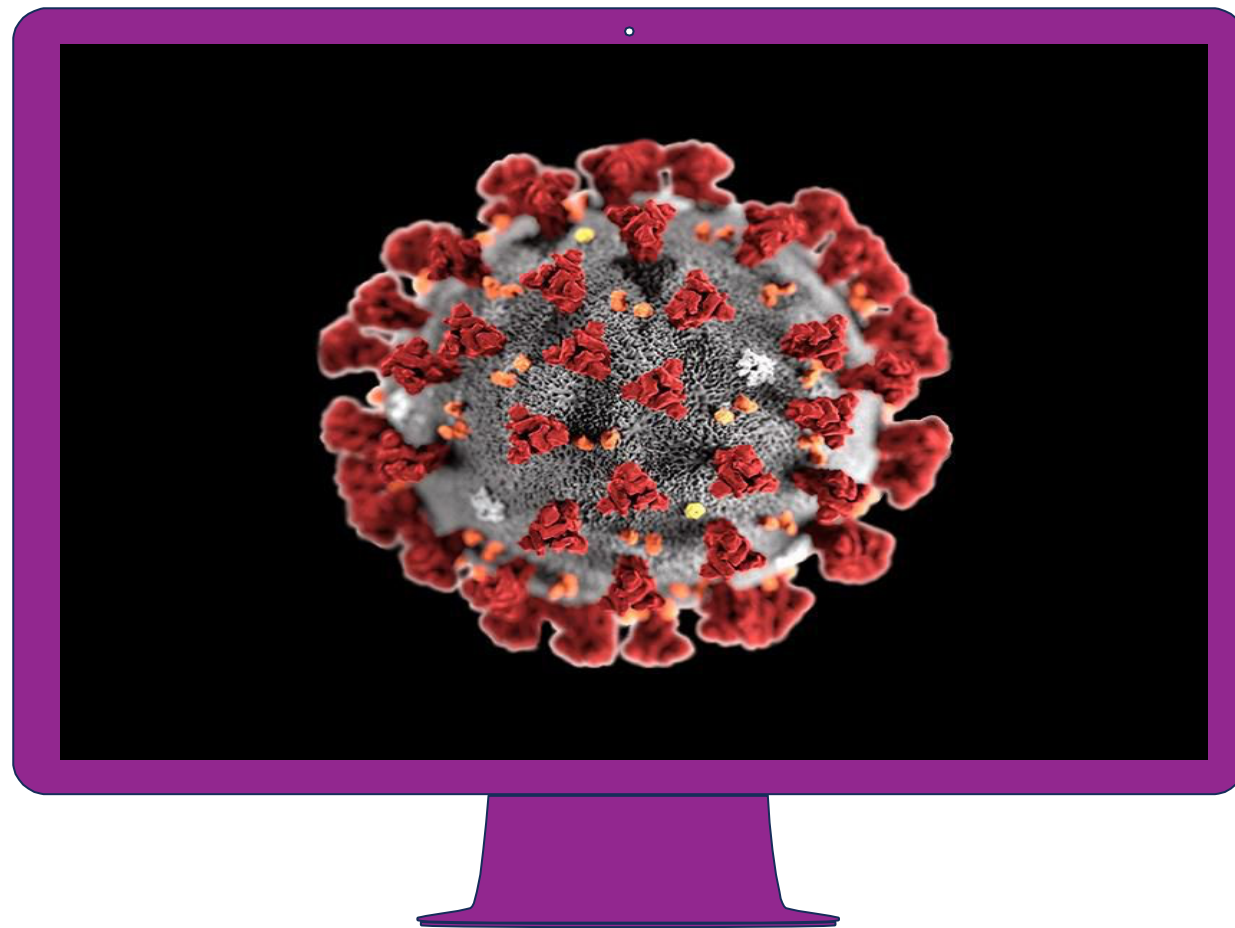
ANNIE EVANS, EXPECTING HEALTH

TOPIC:  
NEWBORN SCREENING VIRTUAL  
EDUCATION



# COVID 19 Resources for Individuals and Families with Genetic Conditions

State specific  
COVID 19  
resource sheets  
Are Completed!

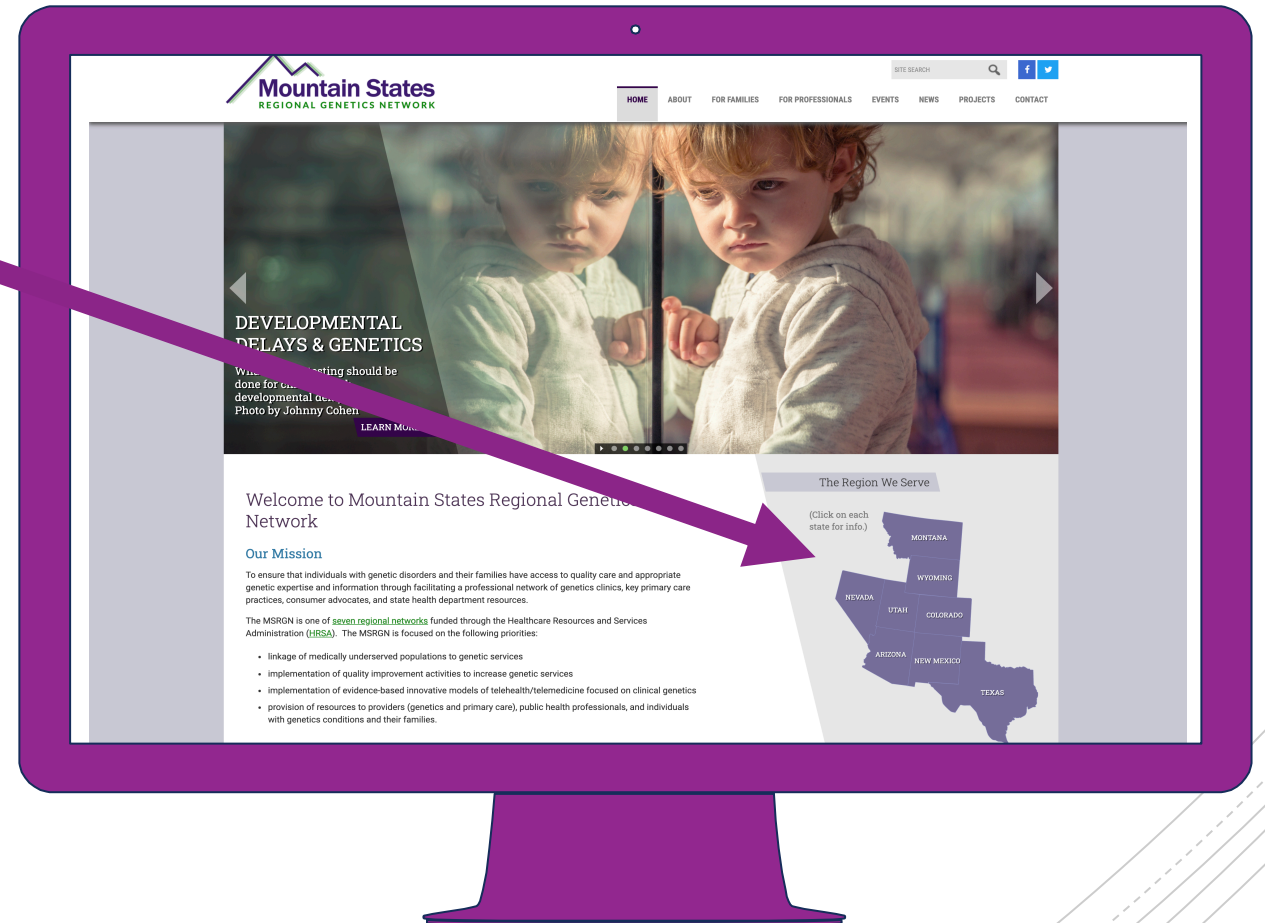


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COVID19 Resource at the  
TOP of each State Team  
Page



# Public Health Genetics Week

**THIS  
WEEK!!**

- **May 26-29, 2020**
- <https://phgw.org/>
- National Coordinating Center
- Each day of the inaugural Public Health Genetics Week will have a different theme:
  - -“What is Public Health Genetics?” *May 26*
  - -“Who is Involved in Public Health Genetics” *May 27*
  - -“Public Health Screening” *May 28*
  - -“Public Health Genetics Resources” *May 29*



## Calendar- Future Months-May 2020

- May 2020
  - **TX Virtual Genetics Pop-Up: Alysian ONLINE THIS SATURDAY- 5/2/20**
  - **CO Virtual Genetics Pop-Up: Jamie 5/3/20 ONLINE THIS SUNDAY- 5/3/20**
  - **5/13/20 1pm MT Parent to Parent- Support Webinar**
  - **Living Rare, Living Stronger 2020, Cleveland Ohio**
    - ~~May 14-16, 2020~~ **tentatively rescheduled for July 18-20**
  - ~~**National Down Syndrome Society Adult Summit in Phoenix, AZ**~~
    - ~~May 7-9, 2020~~
    - ~~<https://www.ndss.org/engage/ndss-syndrome-adult-summit-2020/>~~
    - **CANCELLED**
  - **Last day of MSRGN Current grant cycle: May 31, 2020**



## Calendar- Future Months June 2020- December 2020

### ■ June 2020

- June 1- MSRGN New 4-year grant cycle begins
- **National Down Syndrome Congress**  
Convention ~~in New Orleans~~ from your couch
  - ~~June 25-28, 2020.~~ May 11-June 27<sup>th</sup> 1 webinar a week
  - <https://www.ndsccenter.org/annual-convention/>

### ■ September 2020

- **Global Genes Conference, San Diego, CA**
  - Sept 21-23, 2020

### ■ November 2020

- **MT Transition Conference**
  - Nov. 16-18, 2020
  - <http://montanayouthtransitions.org/attend-conference/>

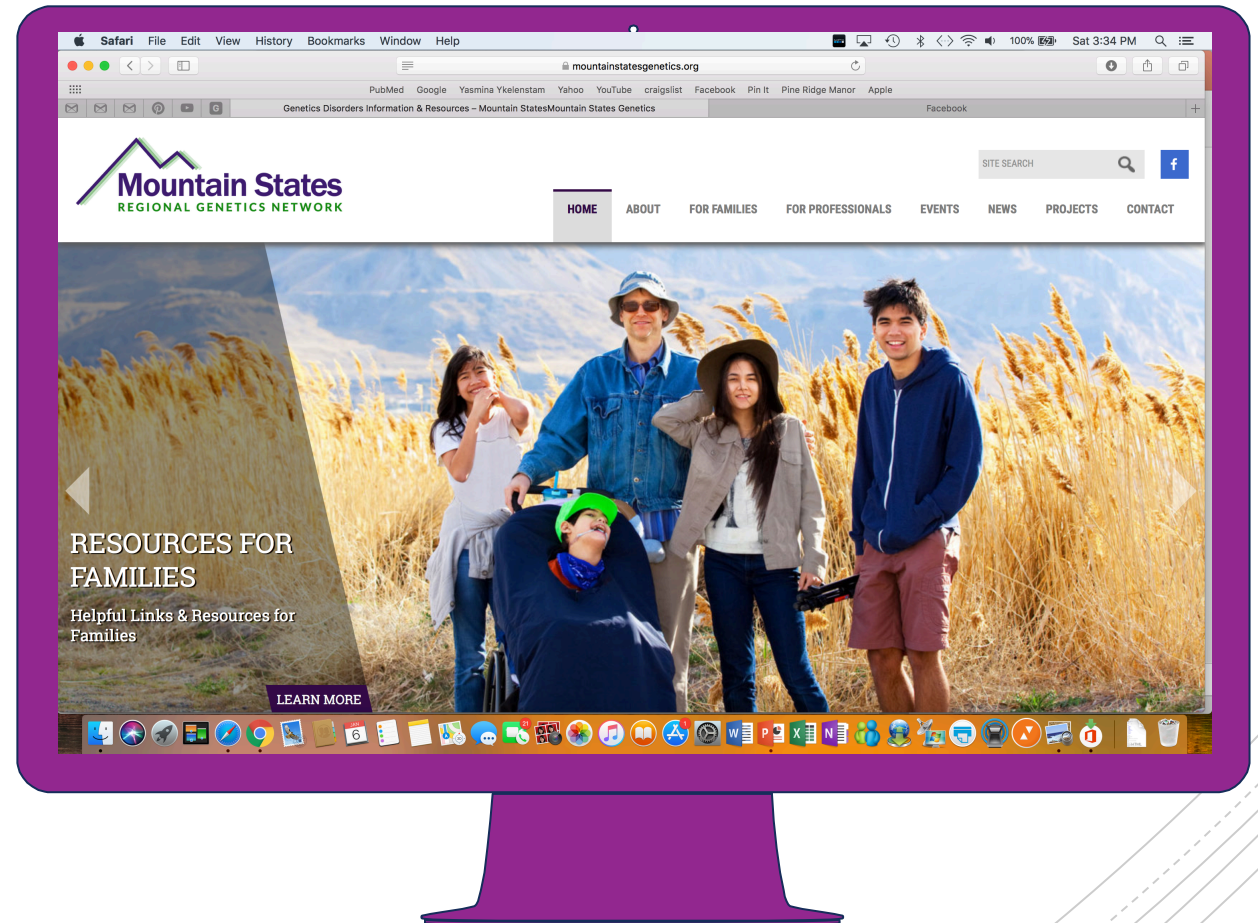




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under FOR FAMILIES TAB:

- “Genetic Ambassador” Drop Down
- “Your Genetics Questions Answered” Drop Down
- “Genetics Pop-Ups”



# A Big Announcement!

[Click Here](#)



# Genetic Ambassador Facebook Group

Are you in the group?  
If not please send an  
Email/text to Kristi and  
ask her to add you.





# THERE WILL BE NO June 2020 Genetic Ambassador Call- see you in July!

Save the Date

Stay Tuned  
for July's call  
date



What days and times work best for the group?

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Thanks!

**Any questions?**

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