

# MEET THE MSRGN WYOMING GENETIC NAVIGATOR



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### A little about me:



- I stepped into rare disease and genetic advocacy following the genetic diagnosis of my second born child.
- I have a background in teaching and love to learn and share about genetic topics like newborn screening and early intervention.
- I have worked alongside organizations such as the National MPS Society, National Organization for Rare Disorders, and MSRGN.

### How I Can Help a Family Navigate Genetics...

- Discuss next steps with a family who has concerns, for example, ways they can talk with their doctor.
- Provide resources to a family who has encountered a barrier to accessing genetic services.
- Connect families who have received a genetic diagnosis to support organizations.
- Meet with families who want to get more involved as an advocate in the genetic system.

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