

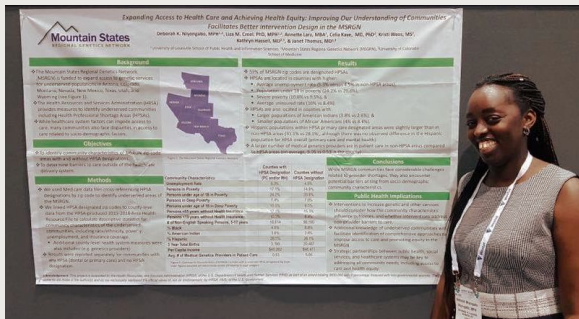


Mountain States

REGIONAL GENETICS NETWORK

AUGUST 2020

MSRGN Project Directors' Message



Goodbye and Welcome!

MSRGN loves working with students! Each grant cycle, our evaluator, Liza Creel, has a graduate student in public health that works with her on evaluating the MSRGN project, and helping to count all our data! For the last few years, Deborah Niyongabo has been serving in that role. Deborah is finishing up her PhD in the fall with her dissertation topic: 'The Green House model impact on nursing home residents'. While we are sad to say goodbye to her, we are wishing her all the best in her next steps.

We would like to welcome Maddie Shipley to the team as she steps into this student role, assisting Liza. Maddie is a recent graduate of Drake University, earning her BS

Genetic Services Workforce Report Medical Geneticists and Genetic Counselors

The Government Accountability Office's (GAO): "GENETIC SERVICES: Information on Genetic Counselor and Medical Geneticist Workforces (GAO-20-593)" Report is now available! Explore the report to learn about the genetics workforce, and see a sneak peek of data from the 2019 ACMG/NCC Geneticist Workforce Survey.

[Read the Report Here](#)

Save the Date:
Virtual Education Series
September 8, 2020
Neurofibromatosis, Type 1

in Health Sciences with a focus in public health. She is in her first year of graduate studies at the University of Louisville working towards an MPH in the Health Policy concentration. Her previous research consists of a senior capstone project while interning at the Polk County Health Department in Des Moines, Iowa, evaluating satisfaction and understanding of a women's health services program. She attributes her interest in public health and health policy to be from a diverse course curriculum while at Drake, taking classes such as health economics, epidemiology, health policy, and global health.

MSRGN August Highlights:

- MSRGN attended the National Coordinating Center's Project Director and Project Manager meeting virtually in early August with representatives from NCC, HRSA, all the other Regional Genetic's Networks and the Family Center. Over the course of 2 days, we shared MSRGN's accomplishments, lessons learned and new initiatives with our colleagues and heard about theirs. We also played a few fun virtual games like ZOOM Pictionary. (What would you draw for the word: 'performance measure'?!)
- MSRGN completed and turned in their final 3-year grant report for 2017-2020. Stay tuned for some highlights in upcoming newsletters! We have 2 more reports due in September!
- Coming up on September 30th: State Team Co-Lead Round-Up Call

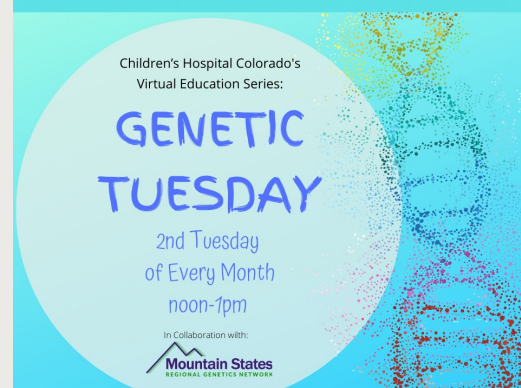
Save The Date:

MSRGN Winter Virtual Meeting: January 28

11am-2pm CT/ 10am-1pm MT/ 9am-noon PT

It is hard to think about winter at the end of a very HOT August in our region, but MSRGN is planning a virtual meeting for our state team members and other stakeholders on **January 28, 2021**. We plan to discuss and share new grant initiatives, network on-line

One Hour Once a Month: Learn about Genetics



The Colorado State Team in conjunction with Children's Hospital of Colorado is hosting Genetic Tuesday from noon-1pm MT on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. The topic will be:

Neurofibromatosis, Type 1

Please Register by
September 4th

[Register Here](#)

September is Newborn Screening Awareness Month



NEWBORN SCREENING AWARENESS MONTH

September 2020
#2020NBS



Click the button below for the Baby's First Test and Expecting Health's #2020NBS Toolkit for social media. Join us by sharing from the MSRGN **Facebook** and **Twitter** pages or post about NBS on your page and tag us so we can re-share/tweet. Together we can help spread

and facilitate collaboration across our region. Please stay tuned for more details, but in the meantime, please save January 28th on your calendar!

the word and raise awareness of Newborn Screening conditions.

Newborn Screening
Toolkit

Would you like to be more involved in this new grant cycle? Please, Contact Us!



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE MORE INVOLVED WITH MSRGN?

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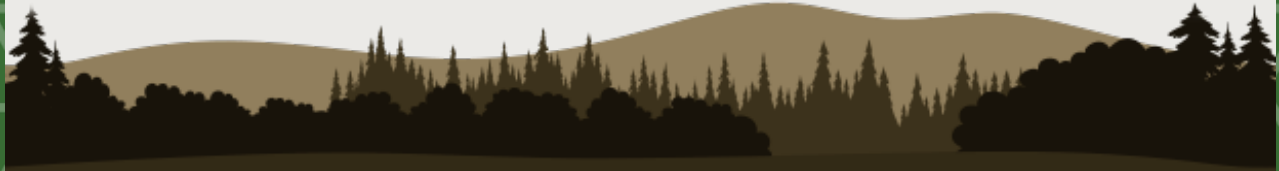
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