



Mountain States
REGIONAL GENETICS NETWORK
MSRGN Virtual Winter Meeting 2021
State Team Presentations: Project Updates

Dear MSRGN 2021 Winter Meeting Registrants,

We are so excited to host you virtually for our upcoming annual meeting! During the meeting, we will split into breakout groups twice. Each time, there will be 2 concurrent breakout rooms with 2 state teams presenting about their projects in each room. This will be a time to learn from other state teams and ask questions. Please use this document to guide you in deciding which sessions you'd like to attend.

We can't wait to "see" you on January 28!
- The MSRGN Admin Team

BREAKOUT SESSIONS ROUND 1

Group 1: Arizona & Colorado

Arizona: The Arizona State Team's focus is on improving the telehealth/telemedicine experience for families receiving genetic services. The team is exploring a Telehealth/Telemedicine/Genetics brochure for families seeking genetic services and resources on the "Do's and Don'ts of Telehealth/Telemedicine Appointments. In addition, the State Team is interested in improving Sickle Cell Disease/Trait services and working in conjunction with the Genetic Counseling program at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

Colorado: The Colorado State Team sponsors the Colorado Virtual Education Series held in conjunction with the Children's Hospital Colorado to provide ongoing genetics education and resources to primary care providers throughout the region. The State Team is exploring resources for clients transitioning from pediatric to adult genetic services with a goal of including additional transition resources on the Colorado webpage of the MSRGN website.

Group 2: Wyoming & Nevada

Wyoming: The Wyoming State Team is in the process of finalizing the RFP process and award a contract for genetic services for 2021 and to increase engagement with our referral sources (primary care providers, pediatricians, etc.) using the results from the survey with WIND (Wyoming for Disabilities).

Nevada: The Nevada State Team purchased a virtual booth at the state AAP meeting and is working on translating genetic materials into Spanish. The team continues to explore telemedicine needs in Nevada.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS ROUND 2

Group 1: Texas & Utah

Texas: The Texas State Team has almost doubled in size, adding three team members from the most underserved areas of the state and two genetic counseling students. The State does not pay for micro array and whole exome testing and we are investigating a means to secure funding for these tests. We are also exploring ways to improve internet access for individuals living in rural Texas.

Utah: For the new grant cycle, the Utah State Team has expanded their definition of the genetically underserved population of Utah from previously the "developmentally delayed" population to now focusing on ways to ensure that those who would face financial challenges in pursuing genetic testing are included in our efforts. Initially we launched a developmental delay algorithm for primary care providers to understand how to escalate care for those with delays. The State Team is now focusing on developing and distributing resources, including a Spanish version of the algorithm and educational materials for families that encourage them to seek testing, that are relevant to these families and their care providers.

Group 2: New Mexico & Montana

New Mexico: The New Mexico State team is working on expanding a network of tele-genetic clinics at public health clinics using our relationship with the NM DoH/ Children's Medical Services and their public health clinics across the state.

Montana: Due to personal changes at the state health department and loss of some members, the Montana State Team had to find a new co-lead and strengthen its membership. In addition to identifying clinics for the Time 4 Genetics project, the team is focused on telemedicine for the underserved tribal populations in Montana.