



Virtual Winter Meeting State Team Update

January 28th, 2020
Texas



Texas Team Members

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Our team members are awesome!

-  Eager
-  Willing
-  Busy!
-  Dedicated
-  Volunteers






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New Team Co-leader

-  Daphne Fulton - New Co-Lead - Member since 2017
-  Special Thanks to KC Singletary

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New Team Members

-  Blake Vuocolo – Houston - Genetic Counseling Student
-  Laura Buckner – Longview - Parent, Parent Leader, Advocate
-  Laura Kender – Ft. Worth - Public Health
-  Lourdes Torres – El Paso - Parent, Parent Leader
-  Mikaela Francisco – Houston - Genetic Counseling Student

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Texas Team Experiences

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Lessons learned during the pandemic

- ✎ The pandemic definitely impacts our genetics community
 - ✎ Often people who need healthcare services are leery of entering any healthcare facility
 - ✎ Time and resources are often diverted
- ✎ Many services are being scaled back – “An Evening With Genetics”
- ✎ Healthcare providers are overworked – finding the right clinic is difficult during the pandemic
- ✎ Definitely impacts our work with the genetics network
 - ✎ Telecommuting
 - ✎ Family distractions
- ✎ Others????

Texas Team Activity To Date

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Schmoozing healthcare providers

- Building awareness of genetic services
 - Testing
 - Patient and family support

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Researching providers to contact about genetic services support

- Considering paying a graduate student to conduct research on whom to contact
- Considering paying a graduate student to contact potential partners
 - Genetic services partners
 - Clinics
 - Other healthcare providers

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Redesigning our team page



Time 4
Genetics:
1st Clinic &
Location

Dr. Christina Sherrod

Cooks Children's Pediatrics Lake Worth

Lake Worth, TX

