



Mountain States

REGIONAL GENETICS NETWORK

March 2021

MSRGN Project Directors' Message



Bloom where you are planted! Spring has sprung in the MSRGN region with the first signs of blooming trees, daffodils, and tulips poking their heads up to see if the coast is clear! Much of our region is thawing from a strange winter, except maybe in AZ where this week it is in the 90's!

MSRGN March Highlights:

- This month we **LAUNCHED** our **Time 4 Genetics Initiative!** Thank you to all our state teams who have helped in identifying the 7 primary care clinics participating in the program.
- We have decided on a **DATE** for the **Genetics Summit 2021!** Please

Joyce Hooker is Retiring!

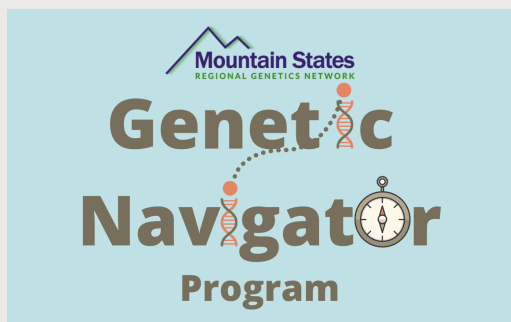
join us in wishing her well



Joyce has been a cornerstone of MSRGN with all its various names, iterations, and formats since 1985, and now after over 36 years of being involved in the genetics services system in the Mountain States Region, she will be 'officially' retiring on 5/31/21. She is looking forward to not keeping track of which time zone she is in when she travels! If Joyce has touched your life, your work or your connection with the network in some way, and you would like to send her some well wishes for the next part of her journey, please send them **here**. (We will be collecting them and sharing them with her soon!)

save November 9-10, 2021 on your calendars for this **VIRTUAL 2-day event**, more details below.

- We have been meeting with all our State Team co-leads this month to discuss state team fund expenditures and project timelines as the first year of our new cycle (we are now calling this past grant year 6/1/2020-5/31/2021: Year 4) comes to a close in 8 short weeks.
- We announced our eight new **Genetic Navigators** (see below). Please join us in congratulating and welcoming them!



MSRGN Genetic Navigators Announced

Congratulations to our 8 new
Genetic Navigators!

Arizona ~ Noan Dublinski
Colorado ~ Jamie Stefanski
Montana ~ Jennifer Banna
Nevada ~ Hannah Barnhart
New Mexico ~ Jennifer Bartz
Texas ~ Lourdes Torres
Utah ~ Tristin West
Wyoming ~ Melody Ruppel

They begin their 8 modules of training in April and will wrap up training in May. To preview the training curriculum topics, click [here](#).

[Read More about the Genetic Navigator Program Here](#)



Data Resource Center for
Child & Adolescent Health

A project of the Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative

Source For CYSHCN Data

Our HRSA grant officer, Soohyun Kim, shared **this resource** with us and we wanted to pass it along to you. We know many of you serve Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) and their families, and **this survey** along with the associated Data Resource Center (DRC) can provide valuable information on this population to assist with outreach planning, state team projects, and serving CSHCN.

[National Survey of
Children's Health](#)

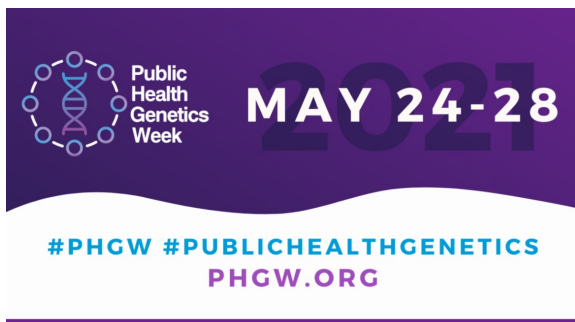
SAVE THE DATE: Genetic Summit 2021 (Virtual Event) November 9-10, 2021

We have a date for the 2021 Genetics Summit! Please hold November 9-10 on your calendar for this 2-day VIRTUAL event. Our plan is to start at:
8:30 PT, 9:30 MT, 10:30 CT, 11:30 ET
and end at:
1:30 PT, 2:30 MT, 3:30 CT, 4:30 ET
with bio breaks and a lunch break. Many more details coming soon. If you have any speaker ideas, feel free to reach out to us **here**. Stay tuned at the site linked to the button below for updates.

[Genetic Summit
2021](#)

Save the Date!

May 24-28, 2021 ~Public Health Genetics Week~ www.phgw.org



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