Mountain States REGIONAL GENETICS NETWORK

April 2021

MSRGN Project Directors' Message



April has been a busy month at MSRGN. The most exciting news is that we have received the Notice of Funding for the next grant year starting on June 1, 2021! We are honored to be able to continue this work in our region!

We would like to thank all the state teams for their diligent efforts in finalizing the use of their funds and putting the finishing touches on their projects. We look forward to connecting with the State Team

Co-Leads on the Round-Up Call next week!

MSRGN April Highlights:

The inaugural webinar of the Time
 4 Genetics Series is planned for

Meet Our Genetic Navigators



Our Genetic navigators have completed 2 training sessions with 3 more scheduled in May! Please click here to read about their backgrounds and to send them a welcome email*.

*Please note that the navigators will not be monitoring these emails until June when they have completed their training and begin navigating!

Meet our Genetic Navigators Here

- May 18th and open to all (registration here).
- SAVE THE DATE for the Genetics Summit 2021: November 9-10, 2021 This event will be a VIRTUAL 2-day event. See the FORM below for topic and speaker suggestions enclosed.
- Public Health Genetics Week is coming up on May 24-28!
- Our <u>Genetic Navigator</u> training began in April and will wrap up in May, with Genetic Navigation beginning in June.
- Our Time 4 Genetics program kicked off Topic #1: Red Flags for Genetics with this Newsletter filled with resources.
- The State Team Co-lead Round-up call is May 6th.
- State team projects and expenditures are wrapping up!
 Please be sure to submit all reimbursements no later than May 31, 2021, to <u>Kristi</u>.

CALL for Topics/Speaker Suggestions Genetic Summit 2021 November 9-10, 2021

We have begun planning the 2021 Genetics Summit and would love your suggestions for topics or speakers that you would like to propose to the planning committee. Please submit this form by May 21st with your ideas. If you are interested in being part of the planning committee please email Kristi.

In the meantime, 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.

Genetic Summit 2021:Submit Your Topic and Speaker Ideas



Time 4 Genetics Webinar Red Flags 4 Genetics

May 18, 2021

at 10am PT, 11am MT, noon CT, 1pm ET

Featuring Guest Presenters:

Carrie Schmid, MD, FAAP a
pediatrician and geneticist
and

Alexandra Grace, CPNP-PC a
nurse practitioner,
both from

The Children's Hospital of San
Antonio Genetics Department.

To register please click: here

For a clickable and ready to share PDF version of this flyer please download: <u>here</u>

Register Here for the Red Flags 4 GeneticsWebinar

Opportunities For Families in Our Region

- From National Genetics Education and Family Support Center: Family Engagement group interview on May 10th. If you would like more info or want to join us for this event, email Kristi.
- From Navajo Family Voices:
 Navajo Family Voices, in
 partnership with New Mexico
 Children's Medical Services, is
 announcing a \$300 Kinship Team
 Vision Stipend. More details here.
- Family Voices Leadership
 Conference is Virtual this year!
 June 8, 10, 15th. Scholarships are
 available! Contact Lisa
 Maynes, Imaynes@familyvoices.org
 for more information.

Genetic Ambassador April 2021 Quarterly Call

Genetic Ambassadors, if you missed our quarterly call in April, you can listen to the recording here and review the slides here. A big thanks to our guest speaker, Molly Martzke, from the National Genetics Education and Support Center (The Family Center) for educating us on the new initiatives and family leadership trainings in the works for the next grant year. We also had a great discussion of the RED FLAGS survey data and infographic for families coming soon!

We are getting excited for Public Health Genetics Week
Only ONE MONTH AWAY!!

May 24-28, 2021 ~www.phgw.org



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