On June 1, 2021, MSRGN began the second year of our current (2020-2024) grant cycle. We will be referring to this year as "Year 5" for evaluation purposes since it is a continuation of our last 3 year grant cycle (3+2=5!). We are excited to continue the work we have been doing over the last 4 years and have some great plans for the 2021-2022 grant year!

Our Management team met for a Virtual Retreat (our theme was: MSRGN Rocks!) early in June and discussed details and improvements for Year 5 including:
• Improving support for the MSRGN State Teams through project and funding processes.
• Streamlining of the Time 4 Genetics Clinic selection process.
• Resources for interpretation and translation of materials into other languages.
• An evaluation review of MSRGN programs and "Pebbles and Buckets" (more coming on this soon).
• Journey mapping and helping families and states identify boulders and barriers and designing programs to specifically bridge or blast those barriers.
• Check out our team building craft activity above: rock painting and Congratulations to Maddie who won the Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament!

"The person who moves a mountain begins by carrying away small stones."

Welcome Cody to a new role!

Cody Price, our administrative assistant, will be taking on additional roles and responsibilities as MSRGN's new State Team Coordinator for the upcoming grant year. Please join us in congratulating him on this new role and supporting him as he takes on these additional responsibilities and becomes the primary point of first contact for the MSRGN state teams. Cody will attend all state team calls and be the MSRGN staff available on those calls for questions and MSRGN updates. Though Kristi will not be regularly attending the monthly state team calls, she will pop-on every now and then as needed. If you need to contact Cody you can email him here, and you can reach Kristi here.

MSRGN Genetic Ambassador's Project Launch:
Red Flags For Genetics Handout for Families and Providers

MSRGN, in partnership with all the families who contributed to the red flags survey and those who serve as our Genetic Ambassadors, is pleased to launch this Red Flags 4 Genetics Handout for families and practitioners alike. It is our hope that this document will aid in the conversation between families and their trusted providers about concerns they have about their child that may need genetic follow-up.

Download the Red Flags 4 Genetics PDF here!
REMINDER:
State Team calls resume in JULY.

State team members:
Be on the lookout for a new calendar invite for your state team call!

If you have not received an invite

Texas Department of State Health Services

2021 Texas Genetics Conference
Saturday, July 10, 2021
LIVE / FREE / ONLINE
Read more about it and Register Here

More Information for the Texas Genetics Conference

Quarterly Genetic Ambassador Call: July 2021
July 27, 2021
1pm ET/noon CT/11AM MT/10 AM PT

Please contact Kristi if you have not received the invite or if you are interested in learning more about our MSRGN Genetic Ambassador group.

The MSRGN Genetics Summit 2021: Connecting the Dots Planning Committee has been busy inviting speakers to our 2-day virtual summit on November 9-10, 2021

Please hold these dates on your calendar for this 2-day VIRTUAL event.
We will 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 breaks and lunch.
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