MSRGN 2020-2024

Genetic Navigator
Outreach

Provider
Education, Family
Education, and
Telegenetics

Access to Genetics Care
Who is MSRGN?

- MSRGN is an 8-state-regional genetics network
- This network is funded by HRSA (Health Resources Services Administration)
- Funded currently for a 4 year grant cycle from June 1, 2020 - May 31, 2024
Part of a National Network

- MSRGN is one of 7 regional genetics networks
- NCC: National Coordinating Center coordinates the work of the network (7 RGNs+NCC+NGEFSC)
- NGEFSC: National Genetics Education and Support Center provides national resources and training to families about genetics
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MSRGN's Mission:
The seven Regional Genetics Networks (RGNs), the National Genetics Education and Family Support Center (Family Center), and the National Coordinating Center for the Regional Genetics Networks (NCC) mission is to improve access to quality genetic services for medically underserved populations.
Program Objectives

Regional Infrastructure

State Teams & Advisory Committee

Education to Providers/Families
Time 4 Genetics
Genetic Ambassadors & Navigators

Telegeneic Sports
Training for Genetic Professionals

Sustainability

Long Term impact
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This means the HRSA grant funding is awarded to THI and MSRGN is a project under the THI umbrella

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MSRGN Initiatives

Primary Care Algorithms
- Developmental Delay Algorithm
- Ehlers Danlos Algorithm
- Tall Stature Algorithm (coming soon)

Time 4 Genetics
The Time 4 Genetics goal is to educate, empower and equip 40 primary care/pediatric clinics in our region over the grant cycle. MSRGN will equip these genetic champion primary care clinics with developed newsletters, webinars, mailers and family centered conversations to assist them with genetics in their clinic.

Genetic NAVigators
This program has been developed to train and equip state genetic navigators, one per state in our region to help families navigate genetics. This program is stipend funded and includes individuals and families who have experience navigating multiple systems in their state. These individuals also serve on the state team and work closely with the state teams in communicating barriers that families are experiencing in that state as they access genetics care.

Explainer Videos
MSRGN is in the process of creating explainer videos for frequently explained genetic concepts in our Pediatric Genetic Clinics in our region. These videos can be shared with families and consumers to empower them to better understand their loved one's genetic diagnosis through genetic and biological terminology. Examples: chromosome, variant of unknown significance (VUS), gene
Meet our Genetic Navigators

- Arizona: Noa
- Colorado: Jamie
- Montana: Jennifer
- Nevada: Hannah
- New Mexico: Jennifer
- Texas: Lourdes
- Utah: Tristin
- Wyoming: Melody
Gene
tic Na
vigator Role

Family Focused

- Navigate with professionalism and ethics.
- Outreach and engage families who need to navigate genetics in their state.
- Guide families as they navigate the genetics system in their state.
- Assist in identifying and providing national, regional, state and local genetic resources for families.
- Nurture advocacy and growth of family leaders (within the family, community, state or nationally).
Our 2021 Genetics Summit is planned virtually for November 9-10, 2021.
No charge - open to all!
Registration available NOW!
www.mountainstatesgenetics.org/GS2021
Thank you!

Any additional Questions for us?

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