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MSRGN Project Directors' Message

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GENETICS SUMMIT 2021
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Less Than 2 Weeks Away!!

We are just under 2 weeks away from the MSRGN Genetics Summit, a virtual genetics educational event for our region! We look forward to welcoming 13 speakers on **November 9th and 10th** to share their knowledge, wisdom and resources on a wide variety of topics ([agenda here](#)). See some of those topics below as well as a few of our [featured speakers](#) and what they will be speaking about below.

[Please help us reach our goal of 450 registrants by sharing this email with a colleague, family, list-serve or friend!](#)

Register here for the 2021 MSRGN Genetics Summit Virtual & No Charge!

Featured Speakers:

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[D](#) - Dr. Francisco Moreno, University of Arizona

Personalized Medicine & Diverse Participation: Perspectives from the All of Us Program in AZ

O - Tara Wenger, MD, PhD, Seattle Children's
Next Generation Genetic Medicine: Practical Pearls for Pediatrics

T - Dr. Kirsten Bennett, NM Quality Improvement Partnership
Providing Community Based Nutrition Services via Telehealth for Young Children

S - **Mariah Gillaspie**, Lightning and Love Foundation
Living Ultra-Rare: Navigating Diagnosis and Next Steps

Featured Speakers



Dr. Francisco Moreno
Associate Vice President
UAHS, Equity Diversity and
Inclusion University of Arizona



Tara Wenger, MD, PhD
Associate Medical Director
Inpatient Genetics Services
Seattle Children's



Dr. Kirsten Bennett
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Mountain States
REGIONAL GENETICS NETWORK



Time 4 Genetics
Applications OPEN
and

Join us in
Wishing Cody Well!

Good news is,
he is not going too far!

Cody Price, our MSRGN State Teams Coordinator, will be transitioning off the MSRGN project over the next few months to take on a new role with Texas Health Institute. Cody's new title with THI will be: **Health Policy Research Analyst**.

While we will miss him greatly at MSRGN, we are excited where his new projects will take him and glad that he will still be part of THI. Over the next few months we will be recruiting for a new state teams coordinator.

The Job Posting is in the works and coming soon. Please stay tuned to the THI and MSRGN Websites for updates.

Job Posting for Cody's
Replacement is Coming
Soon! Please Check Here for
Updates



**Meet our MSRGN
Colorado Genetic Navigator**

Jamie Stefanski

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Jamie Stefanski is a Physical
Therapist and ABM
NeuroMovement Practitioner, a

**Developmental
Delays & Genetics
CME/CEU Webinar
Recording available!**

Do you know a pediatrician or family medicine provider in our region who would like to learn more about genetics? Please ask them to [apply here](#) to be part of our Time 4 Genetics initiative! Deadline is **November 15th**.

In September, **Dr. Austin Larson** from Children's Hospital Colorado presented a webinar for our Time 4 Genetics series. The title of the webinar was:

An Approach to Genetic Diagnosis for Patients with Developmental Delay.

The webinar recording and slides are now available on our website and FREE CME/CEU is available. Please click the link below to access the recording.

Access Developmental Delay &
Genetics Webinar Recording &
FREE CME/CEU Here

Genetics Book Club!
Join our Time 4 Genetics
Clinics in reading:
The Child Who Never Grew
by Pearl Buck

For the Family Centered Perspectives month (Topic #2 Developmental Delays) in November, our Time 4 Genetics clinics and MSRGN, will be exploring a mother's perspective (Pulitzer & Nobel Prize winner, Pearl Buck) on her child's journey with a genetic condition (PKU), originally published

mother of two children with the rare genetic disorder TELO2/You-Hoover-Fong Syndrome and has been part of the Mountain States Regional Genetics Network (MSRGN) Colorado State team since 2018. She is also on the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) for her local school district and has hosted multiple MSRGN Genetic Pop-Ups, free NeuroMovement clinics, and other special needs events. Jamie and her family have lived in Colorado since 2017 as well as 5 other states previously, so she has experience navigating the medical system, insurance system, special needs, medically complex and genetics worlds as a professional and parent. She looks forward to helping families as a genetics navigator.

in 1950.

"It was my child who taught me to understand so clearly that all people are equal in their humanity and that all have the same human rights. None is to be considered less, as a human being, than any other, and each must be given his place and his safety in the world" -Pearl Buck

[Link to Book Here](#)

Check out a new Infographic from Genome.gov

Why was it so difficult to fully complete the human genome sequence?

[View Infographic Here](#)

Don't forget! November 15th DEADLINES

Applications for State Team Funding/Projects are DUE!

Applications due for Time 4 Genetics Clinics (Cohort 2)

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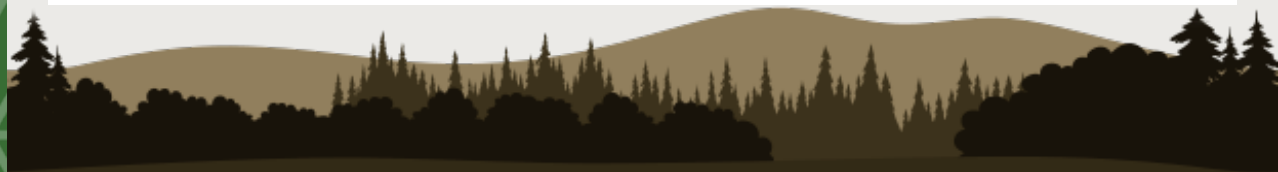
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