



April 2022

MSRGN Project Directors' Message

April Showers (and Snow) have lots Springing up at MSRGN...



The MSRGN Management team has **GROWN** by TWO!
Please join us in welcoming Jamie and Mekayla.
More details about our new team members below.



Help our Genetic Summit Speaker/Topic suggestion list **BLOOM**
with your suggestions for topics and speakers for the
MSRGN Genetics Summit 2022 Virtual event
to be held on November 9-10, 2022.



Our Genetic Ambassadors are **PLANTING NEW SEEDS...**
Do you know an individual or family that has a
passion for genetics advocacy, awareness, education and leadership?
Invite them to our MAY Genetic Ambassador meeting on May 19th!
Details below.



Our Time 4 Genetic Cohort just **SPROUTED** eleven new clinics for cohort #2
which are joining the 7 clinics from cohort #1 for the new topic of
GENETIC TESTING for April through July. Check out the upcoming **WEBINAR**
below on May 18th.



Stay tuned for some exciting **CROSS-POLLINATING**
opportunities for Year 6 between the 8 states in our Mountain States Region





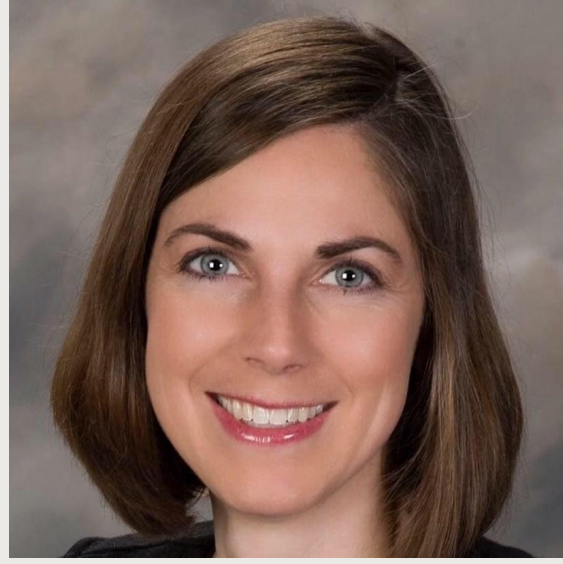
Welcome Mekayla! Projects Coordinator

We are thrilled to have Mekayla returning to MSRGN after serving as the MSRGN/THI Intern through her graduate program at Sam Houston State University (SHSU) in Huntsville, TX. She completed her master's degree in Public Health in August 2021. Mekayla hopes to advance her career in the realm of genetic education. Mekayla's prior work experience includes her role as a Marketing and Events Coordinator for the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs at SHSU.

We are excited to have Mekayla join our team as the Projects Coordinator for MSRGN. She will be sharing her time between MSRGN and Texas Health Institute and started with MSRGN/THI on April 18th.

Click the button below to send a Welcome email to Mekayla

[Email Mekayla](#)



Welcome Jamie! State Teams Coordinator

We are thrilled to also welcome Jamie Stefanski to the MSRGN Team.

Jamie comes to the State Teams Coordinator Position with prior experience as a MSRGN Colorado State team member since 2018, a former Colorado state team co-lead and as the current Colorado Genetic Navigator. Jamie is a Physical Therapist, ABM NeuroMovement Practitioner, and a mother of two children with the rare genetic condition. She also serves 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. Prior to moving to Colorado, she has navigated genetics in five other states, providing her with vast experience navigating the medical system, insurance system, special needs services, and medically complex and genetics worlds as a professional and parent.

We are excited to have Jamie join our team as the State Teams Coordinator for MSRGN. She will be primarily

serving our state teams as of April
11th.

Click the button below to send a
Welcome email to Jamie

Email
Jamie

Help us say Goodbye to Cody!

Cody will be wrapping up his last state team calls over the next few weeks and will be training Jamie and Mekayla on many of the tasks he will be handing over to them. We have been honored to have him as part of our MSRGN team and wish him the best in his new full-time health policy analyst role with THI.

Email Cody

SUGGEST A TOPIC! SUGGEST A SPEAKER!

for the MSRGN Genetics Summit 2022
November 9 & 10, 2022

The MSRGN management team has made the decision to offer our annual Genetics Summit as a virtual event for 2022.

Please Save The Dates: **November 9 & 10, 2022**

If you have ideas for topics or speakers or any topics from last year's Genetics Summit that you would like to hear more about this year, please let us know by filling out the form below by May 1, 2022.

Suggest a Topic or Speaker
here

Genetic Ambassador May Call

Our MSRGN Genetic Ambassador group is a place for individuals, families and loved ones impacted by genetic conditions to gather quarterly to connect, share and learn together.

Our next call will be on May 19, 2022 at 11am PT/noon MT/1pm CT/2pm ET. If you would like to join this call or know a family who would like to be included, please contact [Kristi](#).

Registration is now OPEN for our
May 18th Time 4 Genetics Webinar!

Time 4 Genetics Webinar in May:

Genetic Testing: It's not
Rocket Science
May 18, 2022
(10am PT, 11am MT,
noon CT, 1pm ET)

Guest Speakers:

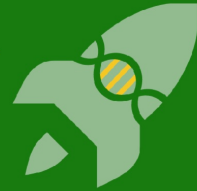
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JOIN US FOR THE TIME 4 GENETICS WEBINAR:

**GENETIC TESTING:
IT'S NOT
ROCKET SCIENCE**



May 18, 2022

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



Guest Presenters:
Daryl A. Scott, MD, PhD
Associate professor at Baylor College of Medicine &
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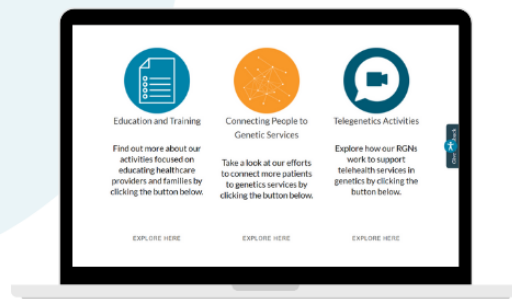


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Register Here for May 18
Webinar



<https://bit.ly/PMEval22>

CONNECTING UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS TO GENETICS

The seven Regional Genetics Networks, NCC, and the Family Center work together to improve access to genetic services for underserved populations. Learn about the impact of our work by checking out the updated interactive dashboard!



Evaluation Dashboard for the Regional Genetics Networks

As a member of MSRGN, did you know that we collect data related to our mission of improving access to genetic services for underserved population? Each RGN, including MSRGN, are required to report data on specific measures so that as a system with the other six RGNs, the National Coordinating Center for the Regional Genetics Networks (NCC), and the National Genetics Education and Family Support Center (Family Center), we can understand the impact of our work.

Each year, the RGN's submit data to the NCC about the number of providers and individuals that are served through our activities (education, training, telehealth support, and assisting connections to genetic services), as well as the clinics we help support to deliver telehealth. This data is then compiled by the NCC to present a national picture of the reach of the system.

On NCC's website (<https://nccrcg.org/evaluation-dash/>), you can find an interactive dashboard that presents the data and sample activities from June 2017 to May 2021 (through year 4's data).

Have questions about how this data is collected for (RGN)? Reach out to our external evaluator, **Liza Creel** to learn more.

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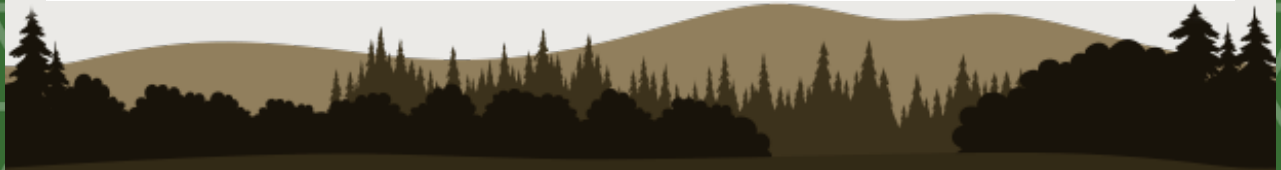
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