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## Welcoming Our New Team Members



### Welcome Mekayla Perkins Projects Coordinator MSRGN

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 will start with MSRGN/THI on April 18th.

Click the button below to send a Welcome email to Mekayla

Welcome Mekayla Here

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Welcome Jamie Stefanski  
State Teams Coordinator MSRGN

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 beginning on April 11th.

Click the button below to send a Welcome email to Jamie

Welcome Jamie  
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## Saying Goodbye to Cody Price

### State Teams Coordinator MSRGN

As these two new members of the MSRGN team get started and begin training in their new roles, we will be saying goodbye to Cody. Cody has been with MSRGN for a year and a half and we appreciate all he has contributed to the team! The good news is he will not be going far and will still be with Texas Health Institute in a new role as a Health Policy Analyst.

We will miss Cody, and hope he will pop-in or pop-up at some MSRGN events in the future. He will be with MSRGN until approximately mid-May.

After that you can keep in touch with him **at his THI email**.

Click the button below to send a Goodbye Email To Cody

[Say Goodbye to Cody](#)

We at MSRGN are appreciative for each of you and our continued growth to ensure that individuals with genetic disorders and their families have access to quality care and appropriate genetic expertise and information through facilitating a professional network of genetics clinics, key primary care practices, consumer advocates, and state health department resources.

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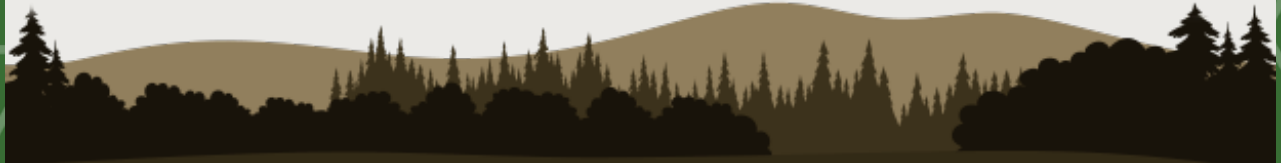
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