



September 2022

MSRGN Project Directors' Message

Featured Speakers



Dannah Raz, MD, MPH
Phoenix Children's



Matt Fickie, MD, FACMGG
Highmark, Inc.



Andrea Shipley, MPA
Wyoming Telehealth Network



Don Bailey, Ph.D.
RTI International

MSRGN GENETICS SUMMIT 2022

MOMENTUM IN THE MOUNTAINS

**NOVEMBER
9-10, 2022**

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**Register Now for the Genetics Summit
2022**

The MSRGN Genetics Summit is a virtual summit to educate, engage, and connect families, providers, and public health professionals around contemporary topics in genetics.

Featured Speakers:

Momentum in the...

M - Dannah Raz, MD, MPH, Phoenix Children's Hospital

Down Syndrome: Birth and Beyond

O - Matt Fickie, MD, FACMGG, Highmark, Inc.

Insurance Coverage of Genetic Testing

U - Andrea Shipley, MPA, Wyoming Telehealth Network

What the Public Health Emergency Has Taught Us About Sustaining Telehealth

NT - Don Bailey, Ph.D., RTI International

Early Intervention and Newborn Screening

The theme of this year's Genetics Summit:

Momentum in the **MOUNTains**

will feature 4 topic areas:

M

Medical Diagnosis and Research

O

Outreach and Resources

U

Underserved Populations

N&T

*Newborn Screening and Transitions to Adult
Medical Services*

MSRGN is pleased to present the [agenda](#)
for the 2022 Genetics Summit and
[registration](#) is OPEN.

**Register Now for the Genetics Summit
2022**

**MSRGN Launches
Genetic
Connections:**



Did you miss our Autism & Genetics Webinar last week?

No worries, you can watch the recording [here](#) (and still claim CME/CEU for watching the recording!) Please help us share this valuable resource by forwarding this newsletter to 3 of your colleagues!

A big thanks to Dr. Meeks for presenting this webinar in such an easy to understand format!

"The information was so well presented and easy to follow and understand. I have been apart of other genetic webinars on similar/ same topics and this was by far the best."

— Participant at the MSRGN Time 4 Genetics Autism Webinar 9/22/22

**Watch the Webinar
Recording Here**

Have you missed any of our other Time 4 Genetics Webinars? The recordings can all be found at the links below:

[Time 4 Genetics Webinar Archive](#)

[Red Flags 4 Genetics](#)

A Workshop for Early Intervention Providers



Mountain States Regional Genetics Network is pleased to offer a new workshop for Early Intervention Professionals called Genetic Connections.

This workshop can be delivered in-person or on Zoom as a two hour training, two 60-minute trainings, or four 30-minute trainings.

The four modules are:

- Module 1: The Who and Why of Genetics?
- Module 2: The Vocabulary of Genetics
- Module 3: Four Family Case Studies
- Module 4: Red Flags and Next Steps

We are excited to offer this training free of charge to early intervention professionals in a group setting in our 8 state region.

This training will be conducted by our Project Manager, Kristi Wees, and 5 of our Genetic Navigators who have been trained to deliver this workshop.

If you are an early intervention professional in the states of Arizona, Colorado, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas or

(May 2021)

Developmental Delays

(September 2021)

Ehlers Danlos Syndrome (EDS)

(January 2022)

Genetic Testing

(May 2022)

Autism

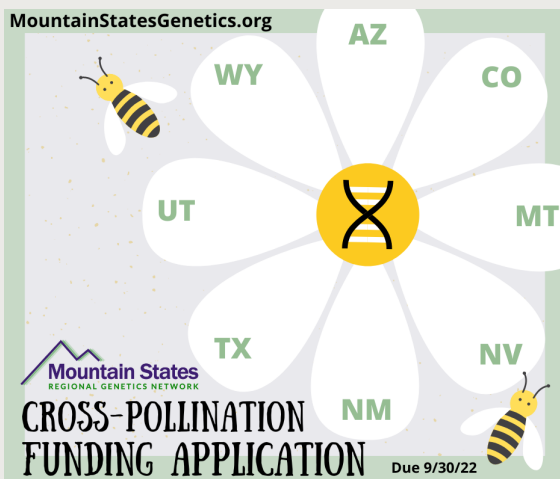
(September 2022)

Utah and are interested in hosting a training for your group of 10 or more individuals, please [fill out this form](#) and we will be in contact with you to get more details on your group.

To download a flyer about this training click [here](#).

**Fill out this form to
request a Free Training
for Early Intervention
Professionals**

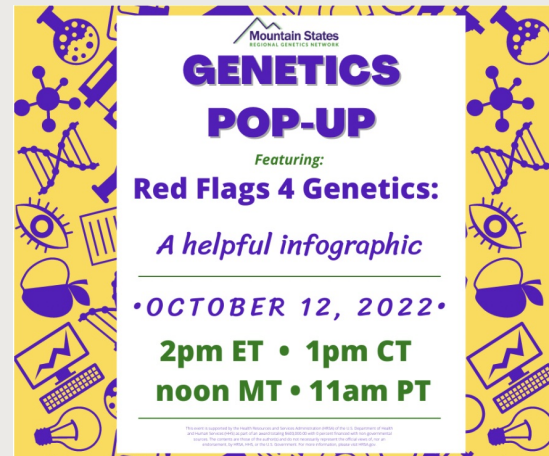
Cross-Pollination Application Deadline DUE 10/31/22



DEADLINE is FAST APPROACHING....

For year 6 of the grant cycle, this NEW funding opportunity is available for ANYONE in the mountain states region (AZ, CO, MT, NV, NM, TX, UT, WY) who has an idea they would like to submit which improves access to genetics services.

This funding opportunity will



Genetics Pop-Up: Red Flags 4 Genetics October 12, 2022

*Calling all families and individuals
interested in learning more about
genetics.*

Join us to learn more about genetics! Experience a safe arena to ask questions, learn about resources such as the [Red Flags 4 Genetics Handout](#) for families and connect with others who have explored genetics for their own loved ones.

At this virtual event on October

prioritize submissions where individuals from 2 or more of the states in our region are collaborating together on a project... since the focus is cross-pollination in our region!

The deadline to submit the application
HAS BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL
October 31, 2022

Cross Pollination
Funding Application

12, 2022 MSRGN will be sharing our **Red Flags 4 Genetics Handout** for families and providers! You won't want to miss learning about this valuable resource about some of the red flags that may be associated with a genetic diagnosis.

Wednesday, October 12, 2022
2pm ET • 1pm CT • noon MT •
11am PT

Register to join us [here](#).
PDF Flyer to share [here](#).
Graphic to share on social media [here](#).

Register for Genetics
Pop-Up Here

State Team Accomplishments & Momentum



2020-2024 Co-Leads
Carleigh Soule (2020-present)
Eighmey Zeeck (2020-2021)
Jamin Johnson (2021-2022)

All about the Wyoming State Team

2020-2022



Year 4: 2020-2021

The Wyoming team purchased and mailed 500 DNA Squishes to Pediatricians across the state of Wyoming. The squishes contained contact information for the Wyoming genetics program as well as the MSRGN website for resources.



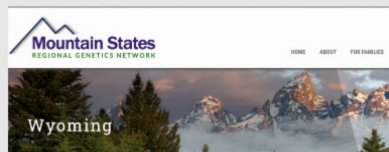
Year 5: 2021-2022

1500 (English) & 1000 (Spanish) Where is Bear? books were purchased for distribution throughout the state.



Distribution of Where is Bear? books

Carleigh, the Wyoming state team co-lead, compiled a list of nurses, nurse practitioners and pediatric clinics in Wyoming and mailed the books to them.



www.MountainStatesGenetics.org/Wyoming

State Team Webpage

The Wyoming state team updated their webpage on the MSRGN website in 2022 to feature the Where is Bear? book.

Momentum...stay tuned

The Wyoming team is poised to expand their reach across the state as well as their team size as new staff are hired and new programs roll out to reach early intervention providers.



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Each month we will be highlighting the projects and accomplishments of our state teams. This month we are highlighting:

WYOMING

Click [here](#) (or on the image above) to take a closer look at the Wyoming State Team's accomplishments

infographic.

This is a graphical summary of some highlights from Years 4 & 5 of this grant cycle and also what momentum the team is building on for year 6! To learn more about the Wyoming State Team check out their updated team page [here](#).

If you live in the mountain states and are interested in getting involved in the state team in the state where you live, please reach out to our state teams coordinator, [Jamie Stefanski](#) or fill out this form [here](#) and note your interest in the **state teams** in the "Why are you interested in connecting with MSRGN?" box.



SERN SOUTHEAST REGIONAL
GENETICS NETWORK

From our sister region:
Please join the Southeast Regional Genetics Network (SERN)
for their next Lunch and Learn, via Zoom

THIS Friday

September 30, at 12 pm ET.

Speaker:

Christine Matus
Founding Attorney
The Matus Law Firm

Topic:

Long-term Care Planning for
Children with Complex Healthcare Needs

PRESENTER:



Christine Matus
Founding Attorney
The Matus Law Group



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GENETICS NETWORK

LUNCH AND LEARN SERIES

Long-term Care Planning for Children with
Complex Healthcare Needs

**Register
HERE**

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