



October 2022

MSRGN Project Directors' Message

Featured Speakers



**David H. Viskochil,
MD, PhD**
University of Utah
Health



Vence L. Bonham, JD
National Human
Genome Research
Institute, National
Institutes of Health



Sikha Singh, MS, PMP
Association of Public
Health Laboratories



Jenn Banna, Mom
Montana Family to
Family Health
Information Center



Jamie Stefanski, PT
Mountain States
Regional Genetics
Network



Elizabeth Reynolds, PhD
RTI International

MSRGN GENETICS SUMMIT 2022

**MOMENTUM IN
THE MOUNTAINS**

[Register Now](#)

**NOVEMBER
9-10, 2022**



**Register Now for the Genetics Summit
2022**

The Genetics Summit is 2 Weeks Away!

Please forward this newsletter to 3 individuals
and personally invite them to the MSRGN
2022 Genetics Summit!

*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 - David H. Viskochil, MD, PhD, University of Utah Health
Implementation of Sponsored Clinical Trials by Genetics Providers

O - Jamie Stefanski, PT & Jenn Banna, MSRGN Genetic Navigators
While You Are Waiting for a Genetics Appointment

U - Vence L. Bonham, JD, National Human Genome Research Institute
Advancing Health Equity Requires Examining the History of Genetics

N&T - Sikha Singh, MS, PMP, Association of Public Health Laboratories
State of Newborn Screening in the Mountain States: A NewSTEPS Summary

& Elizabeth Reynolds, PhD, 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**

Welcome to our 2 New Genetic Navigators for Utah and New Mexico and Application OPEN for Wyoming Genetic Navigator

Please join me in welcoming our 2 newest Genetic Navigators: Kristina Hone (Utah) and Desirée Maddux (New Mexico) and saying goodbye and thank you to Melody Ruppel our Wyoming Genetic Navigator who has moved with her family to Ohio and this had to step down from her WY role.

The application is **OPEN** for our Wyoming Genetic Navigator position with a due date of 11/15/22. Please click the button below to apply and please share with any families or individuals who might like to apply in WYOMING!

**Apply for Wyoming
Genetic Navigator Role
Here**

Time 4 Genetics Webinar: Cerebral Palsy



JOIN US FOR THE TIME 4 GENETICS WEBINAR:

**NEW DISCOVERIES IN THE
EVOLVING WORLD OF GENETICS:
DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF
CEREBRAL PALSY**

January 10, 2023
(at 11am PT, noon MT, 1pm CT, and 2pm ET)



Guest Presenter:
Michael C. Kruer, MD
Associate Professor of Child Health,
Genetics, Neurology and Cellular &
Molecular Medicine at the University of
Arizona College of Medicine-Phoenix
Director of the Pediatric Movement Disorders
Program at the Barrow Neurological Institute,
Phoenix Children's Hospital

MSRGN's Time 4 Genetics Initiative is a primary
care provider genetics education program
focusing on pediatric genetic topics.

[Register Here](#)

This initiative is supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as part of an award totaling \$600,000.00 with 0 percent financed with non-governmental sources. The contents are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily represent the official views of, nor an endorsement, by HRSA, HHS, or the U.S. Government. For more information, please visit HRSA.gov.

In support of improving patient care, this activity has been planned and implemented by Mountain States Regional Genetics Network and Projects in Knowledge. Projects in Knowledge is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

January 2023 Time 4 Genetics Webinar:

New discoveries in the evolving world of genetics: diagnosis and treatment of cerebral palsy

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**(at 11am PT, noon MT,
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Guest Presenter:
Michael C. Kruer, MD

Associate Professor of Child
Health, Genetics, Neurology and
Cellular & Molecular Medicine at
the University of Arizona College
of Medicine-Phoenix



MEET THE NEW MSRGN
NEW MEXICO & UTAH GENETIC NAVIGATORS:
DESIRÉE & KRISTINA

www.MountainStatesGenetics.org

Welcome Kristina and Desirée!

Kristina can be reached
at utahgenetic@gmail.com
and

Desirée can be reached at
newmexicogenetic@gmail.com

They both have completed their 5
hours of Genetic Navigator
training and are all set up on
email and ready to connect with
families in their state. In the next
few months they will be joining
their state team's call to meet you
all. Drop them a quick email and
welcome them to the MSRGN
team!

[Email Desirée](#)

[Email Kristina](#)

Director of the Pediatric
Movement Disorders Program at
the Barrow Neurological Institute,
Phoenix Children's Hospital

[Register for Cerebral
Palsy Webinar Here](#)



Did you miss it?

Red Flags 4 Genetics
Genetic Pop-Up
Watch here on [Facebook Live](#)

Please [listen](#) to Colorado Co-
Lead: Brittany Parke and
Montana Genetic Navigator:
Jennifer Banna's powerful stories
and how the
[Red Flags 4 Genetics](#)
handout has impacted them.

**New MSRGN
Early Intervention
Workshop
Available!**



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:

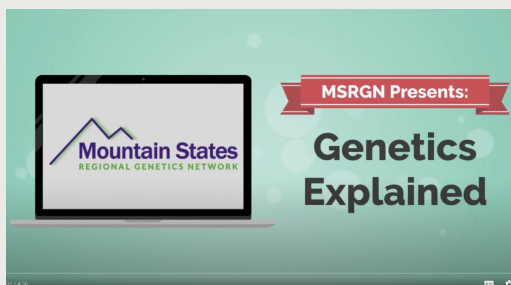
Module 1: The Who and Why of Genetics?

Module 2: The Vocabulary of Genetics

Module 3: Four Family Case Studies

Module 4: Red Flags and Next Steps

Fill out this form for
more information on
this workshop



Did you miss it?

Watch the GENETICS EXPLAINED: Variants of Uncertain Significance (VUS) video [here!](#)



It's TIME 4 GENETICS...

Applications for
Cohort #3 are due 1/15/23

Our goal is to reach 40 clinics in our 8 state region with our Time 4 Genetics Primary Care Genetics Education Initiative. We need all of your HELP to reach this goal!

Clinic Commitment- one hour each month from someone at the primary care clinic (nurse, care coordinator, PA, doctor, office manager) to take Time 4 Genetics (to learn about genetics) with MSRGN.

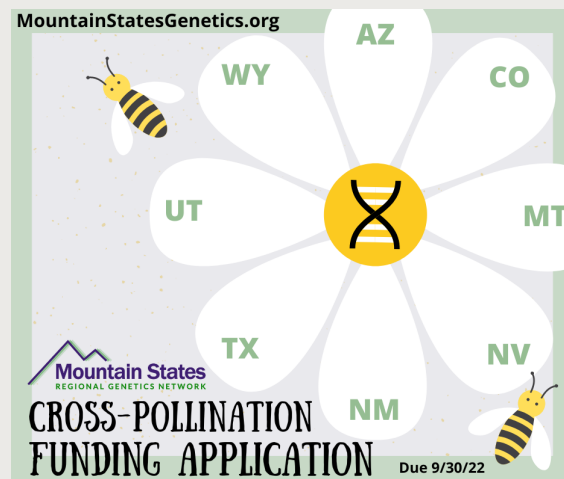
We are now accepting applications for our final cohort (#3) of this funding cycle. We have 20 openings for 20 primary care clinics across our region to apply and join us for Time 4 Genetics (beginning in March 2023 with the application due on January 15, 2023).

Please share this short video overview of Time 4 Genetics and the application with any clinics in

our region who would like to take part in this initiative! Kristi is available to speak with any clinics who are interested and would like more info.

Apply here for Time 4
Genetics

Cross-Pollination Application Deadline DUE 10/31/22



DEADLINE is just a few days away...

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 with priority to 2 or more state working together on an application.

More information about this opportunity can be found [here](#).

The deadline to submit the application
is

October 31, 2022

Cross Pollination Funding
Application

State Team Accomplishments & Momentum



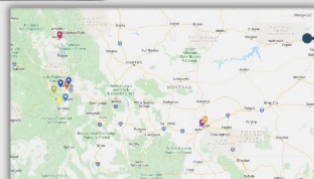
Year 4: 2020-2021

The Montana team purchased 2 computers and one tablet for Montech to lend out as part of their MT-wide lending library, for families to utilize for telehealth and telegenetics visits.



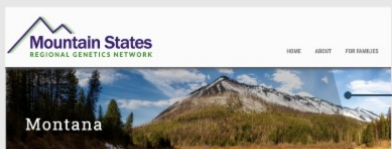
Year 5: 2021-2022

Genetics Pop-Ups in Montana in collaboration with Early Intervention Providers across the state in each region. The three 2022 MT Genetics Pop-Ups had 31 attendees.



Montech Year 5 Lending of Telehealth Equipment

With items purchased with Montana state team funds in year 4, MONTECH lent out the iPad and laptop computers to 10 families in 10 zip codes across Montana in year 5.



State Team Webpage

The Montana state team updated their website in 2022 to feature their partnership with Montech and equipment purchase in 2021.

Momentum...stay tuned

The Montana team used a few state team dollars they had extra in their budget to purchase 96 MSRGN plastic tumblers to be distributed at the MT AAP meeting in the fall.



www.MountainStatesGenetics.org/Montana

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

This month we are highlighting:

MONTANA

Click [here](#) (or on the image above) to take a closer look at the Montana 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 Montana 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.

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