



December 2022

MSRGN Project Directors' Message



2022
Year in Review

January

Eleven (11)- Time 4 Genetics Clinics were welcomed into Cohort #2.
Time 4 Genetics EDS Webinar.

February

HRSA Non-Competing Continuation (NCC) Report submitted.

March

Three (3) Genetic Pop-Ups were held to recognize Rare Disease Day with 70 attendees combined.
NEW State Team pages launched on the Website!

April

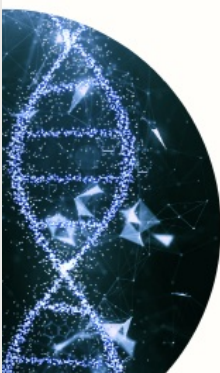
Mekayla and Jamie join the MSRGN team as we say goodbye to Cody.

May

Time 4 Genetics Genetic Testing Webinar.
5/31/22 Year 5 of the grant cycle ends.

June

6/1/22 Year 6 of the grant cycle begins.
MSRGN holds 2- day Virtual Summer



Meeting.

July

Year 6 State Team Meetings begin.

August

Genetics Pop-Up: World Premiere of
Variants of Uncertain Significance (VUS)
Video.

September

Time 4 Genetics Autism Webinar.
Genetic Connections for Early Intervention
Providers Workshop launches.

October

Genetics Pop-Up: Red Flags 4 Genetics.

November

Genetics Summit 2022: Momentum in the
Mountains 508 attendees from 43 states.

December

MSRGN Management Team Retreat.



MountainStatesGenetics.org

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

As we wrap up 2022,
we are looking back on the last 12 months.
We are noting some of our accomplishments
and our many blessings.
Thank you for being part of BOTH this past year!
We hope each of you has a holiday season
filled with peace, joy and rest
as we all recharge for what awaits in 2023!

Happy Holidays-
from the MSRGN Management team

LAST CALL for
It's TIME 4 GENETICS...

**Applications due:
1/15/23**

Can you help us recruit just ONE CLINIC in your State?
Montana is leading the way with 4 clinics recruited!

*Clinic TIME Commitment-
just **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. Please 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.

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

**Apply here for Time 4
Genetics**

T4G Cohort #1 T4G Cohort #2



*REGISTER before
you put your "out-of-office"
notice on your email for the holidays!*

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 \$639,000.00 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.

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[Register for Cerebral Palsy Webinar
Here](#)

MSRGN GENETICS SUMMIT 2022

MOMENTUM IN THE MOUNTAINS

Did you miss a talk at the
Genetics Summit?
-> the recordings are [HERE](#) <-

The Genetics Summit 2022 is in the books, but the great news is that EVERY session is available via recording AND available for continuing education credit for the next 2 years. Click below to view the recordings! And don't

forget that our **2021 Genetics Summit** sessions are also still available for continuing education credits!

Genetics Summit 2022 Recordings

Healthcare Interpreter Training Autism Spectrum Disorders January 14 & 21, 2023

INTERPRETING FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

A Workshop for Interpreters in Health Care

Join us for a FREE seven-hour virtual training (led by nationally recognized trainer Cynthia E. Roat, MPH) to help you better understand and more accurately interpret the information provided during a genetics appointment.

Approved for 7.0 CE credits (incl. 2 performance based CEU) from CCHI and IMIA.

When



11 AM to 2:30 PM PT

12 PM to 3:30 PM MT

1 PM to 4:30 PM CT

You must attend both days of the training.

Where

zoom

Participants must keep their cameras on for the entire workshop.



Register by 1/7/23 at <https://bit.ly/MSRGNHIT>

This project is supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) under Cooperative Agreement #U49MC30770 from 6/2020-5/2024 for \$800,000 per award year.

On **January 14 and January 21, 2023**, MSRGN will be co-hosting with the **National Coordinating Center**, a virtual workshop for health care interpreters called: "Interpreting for Autism Spectrum Disorders".

If you are a healthcare interpreter in the Mountain States Region (AZ, CO, MT, NV, NM, TX, UT, WY), please join us for a FREE seven-hour virtual training (led by nationally recognized trainer Cynthia E. Roat, MPH) to help you better understand and more accurately interpret the information provided during a genetics appointment (specific to Autism Spectrum Disorders).

The training will be held over two consecutive Saturdays (January 14 and 21) from 11 AM to 2:30 PM PT; 12 PM to 3:30 PM MT; 1 PM to 4:30 PM CT; 2 PM to 5:30 PM ET.

In order to be awarded the approved 7.0 CE credits (incl. 2 performance based CEU) from CCHI and IMIA , you must participate on each day.

This training will be capped at **30 PARTICIPANTS**.

Priority registration will be provided for healthcare interpreters from the MSRGN region, others will be considered if space allows.

Register here (by 1/7/23): <https://bit.ly/MSRGNHIT>

The Event Flyer can be found: [here](#)

Register for Interpreter
Training



Please join us in congratulating Mekayla on her wedding on December 4, 2022 when she became Mrs. Mekayla Longoria. Congratulations to Mekayla and Sam from all of us at MSRGN!

Send Mekayla a
Congratulations Email

State Team Accomplishments &
Momentum

Year 4: 2020-2021

The Nevada team had a virtual booth at the NV AAP Meeting in October of 2020. As part of their attendance at this meeting they received a participant list which would form the basis of their outreach in Year 5.

Nevada Chapter

American Academy of Pediatrics
DEDICATED TO THE HEALTH OF ALL CHILDREN

MOU with Intern... 2021

The Nevada team paid an intern to expand on the AAP list and add additional pediatric and PCP clinics to the list.

Nevada Genetic Resource Magnet

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www.MountainStatesGenetics.org/Nevada



State Team Webpage

The Nevada team updated their website in 2022 to feature their Genetic Navigator: Hannah.

1,000

MOU with Intern... 2021

The Nevada team paid the same intern they had in 2021 to return in 2022 to expand the list of providers in NV to include more from the Reno area and around the state.

Year 5: 2021-2022

1,000 Red Flags 4 Genetics handouts were purchased by the Nevada team for distribution with the magnets.

Nevada Mailing

80
envelopes

The Nevada team with an MOU with their Genetic Navigator, Hannah, created a cover letter with a QR code survey, compiled genetic & partner resources and mailed these to 80 PCP in Nevada via flat rate envelopes.

Momentum...stay tuned

The Nevada team also purchased with some of their extra funds some booth supplies so they can attend in-person community events in the coming year.

JT

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

NEVADA

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