



March 2023

MSRGN Project Directors' Message

♣ Lucky Us! ♣

March is often filled with leprechauns, shamrocks and pots of gold at the end of rainbows, but for us here at MSRGN, our March has been filled with reflections on just how lucky we are to work with all of you.

- ♣ **Lucky to work with our state team members**
- ♣ **Lucky to work with our Genetic Navigators**
- ♣ **Lucky to work with our Genetic Ambassadors**
- ♣ **Lucky to work with our Advisory Committee**
- ♣ **Lucky to work with our Time 4 Genetics Clinics**
- ♣ **Lucky to work with our Funders**
- ♣ **Lucky to work with the other RGN's, NCC and FC
and**
- ♣ **Lucky to know and work alongside YOU!**

We are also feeling very lucky and looking forward to seeing a few of you in-person for the first time this grant cycle at the state teams working meeting coming up at the end of April. If you are reading this message and are not currently part of a state team, but would like to learn more, please [contact us](#) for more details!

Thank you-
the MSRGN Management team

Genetics Summit 2023

Save the Date: October 11 & 12th

and

Call for Speaker/Topic Suggestions

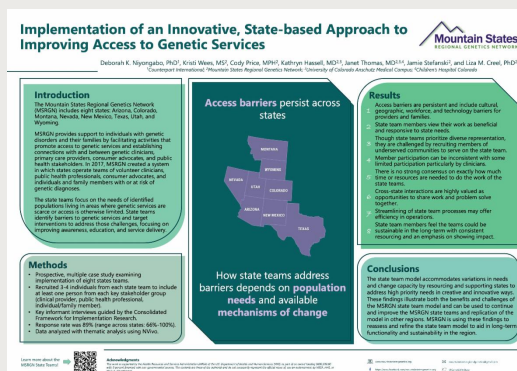
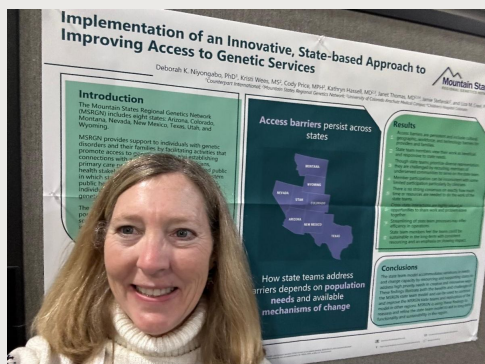
We are going virtual again this year with our Genetics Summit 2023!
Mark your calendars for **October 11-12th, 2023**
for the MSRGN Genetics Summit!

We have loved having all your thoughts and suggestions for topics and speakers for the 2021 and 2022 Genetics Summit and we would love your feedback again to incorporate even more of your ideas into the 12 sessions of this year's event! We love to cover all aspects of genetics from research to testing to family perspectives and genetic advances...

please let us know what YOU want to hear about this year by completing the form below by **April 18th!**

Submit Genetic Summit 2023 Speaker and Topic Suggestions

ACMG 2023 Poster: MSRGN State Teams Model



At the March 2023 American College of Genetics and Genomics Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah, Janet Thomas, MD presented a poster on behalf of the MSRGN team entitled:

Implementation of an Innovative, State-based Approach to Improving Access to Genetic Services

The poster can be viewed online [here](#).

Or downloaded as a PDF [here](#).

GENETICS POP-UP

Featuring:

DNA Day:

DNA & Chromosomes

• APRIL 24, 2023 •

2pm ET • 1pm CT

noon MT • 11am PT

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Our next Genetics Pop-Up will be for DNA Day and will be held on April 24, 2023. This pop-up will be the last one for this grant year (Year 6). Registration is OPEN [here](#). You can share [this flyer](#) with others here.

Register for the DNA Day Genetics Pop-Up

State Team Accomplishments & Momentum



Year 4: 2020-2021

The Texas team purchased \$200 in postcard stamp postage to mail the postcards they planned to design in year 5.



Year 5: 2021-2022

In year 5, a subgroup formed out of the Texas state team of individuals who were interested in exploring the manner in which a genetic diagnosis is delivered to a family. The group has become known as the HOPE group for families and this group went on to advocate for a speaker on this topic (Laila Andoni) at the 2021 Genetics Summit. Their work now continues with Laila and a few new members from Utah who have joined the conversation.



MOU with Intern... 2021

The Texas team paid a public health student intern to work on compiling an Excel spreadsheet of addresses for primary care offices in Texas.

Facebook Advertising

The Texas team had plans for a large Facebook advertising campaign in Year 5, which they are still working on and will perhaps pick back up in year 6.



www.MountainStatesGenetics.org/Texas

State Team Webpage

The Texas team updated their website in 2022 and hope to feature their postcard design (once it is finished in Year 6).

Momentum...stay tuned

The Texas Team has a postcard design in process for a mailing to primary care professionals in Year 6.



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

TEXAS

Click [here](#) (or on the image above) to take a closer look at the Texas' 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 in year 6!

To learn more about the Texas 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.



An Invitation for Families from the Family Center...

The Family Center is bringing together 35 family leaders from all parts of the country to Washington DC on April 17-19, 2023. They are offering an opportunity to come together to connect and learn from other family leaders;

share experiences navigating the genetics health care delivery system; and learn and strengthen your leadership skills.

For those selected to attend, the Family Center will cover travel, lodging, meals, and a \$1000 stipend to cover other expenses such as childcare, time away, etc.

As space and funding is limited, they will be reviewing applications and will notify everyone on the status of their attendance on Monday, April 3.

To apply, **fill out the application** by March 31

Any questions about the Family Leadership Workshop contact Molly Martzke at mmartzke@expectinghealth.org

Apply to Attend Family Center event here

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