



September 2023

## MSRGN Project Directors' Message

### The Final Countdown!

Hello Mountain States members-

We are in the home stretch in our preparations for our

#### 5th Genetics Summit

Recap:

2 in-person summits:

2018 (San Antonio)

and 2019 (Albuquerque)

and

3 virtual summits:

2021, 2022 and now 2023

### How many Genetics Summits have you attended with MSRGN?

We hope you are registered and that you have shared this registration link with friends, families and colleagues:

[www.mountainstatesgenetics.org/events/g2023/](http://www.mountainstatesgenetics.org/events/g2023/)

The speakers are picked, the agenda finalized, the CME applications submitted, the social media promotion posted, the speaker slides submitted, the exhibitors lined up, and the registrations submitted...

all we need now is

## YOU!

See you on-line on October 11th and 12th!

Thank you for helping us grow the reach of these events by over 250% over the last 4 years!

We are excited to see

how far the 2023 Genetics Summit will reach  
with your help in spreading the word (promotional toolkit link [here](#))!

*the MSRGN Management team*

# MSRGN GENETICS SUMMIT 2023

## PEAK PERFORMANCE

### OCTOBER 11-12, 2023

- ▲▲▲ Primary Care and Genetics
- ▲▲▲ Emotional Perspectives of Genetics
- ▲▲▲ Access to Genetics Care  
for Underserved Populations
- ▲▲▲ Karyotypes to Knockouts  
(Genetic Testing and Research)



## Speaker Spotlight

# MSRGN GENETICS SUMMIT 2023

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Mountain States  
REGIONAL GENETICS NETWORK

Genetic Summit 2023  
Registration

## Genetics Summit 2023

October 11th & 12th

This Year's Theme...

## PEAK Performance

Register now for [our October 11-12th, 2023](#)  
MSRGN Genetics Summit: **PEAK** Performance:

### **P- Primary Care and Genetics:**

**Amanda Schaefer MS, LGC**

*Genetics and Hearing Loss: Pack your Bag, Find your Path, Start the Journey*

### **E- Emotional Perspectives of Genetics:**

**Liza M. Creel PhD, MPH**

*Caregiving for Children with Genetic Conditions and Caregiver Workforce Participation*

**Abbey Guza LCSW**

*Communicating About a Genetic Diagnosis with Children and Siblings*

### **A- Access to Genetics Care for Underserved Populations:**

**Krystal Tsosie PhD, MPH, MA**

*Catch-22: Promises, Perils, and Profit from Indigenous Peoples' DNA*

### **K- Karyotypes to Knockouts (Genetic Testing /Research):**



Leah Seyoum-Tesfa RN, MEd

Maria Chahrour PhD

*The Genetic Architecture of Autism in an East African Cohort*

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**Leah Seyoum-Tesfa RN, MEd**  
Reaching Families Advocacy and  
Support Group



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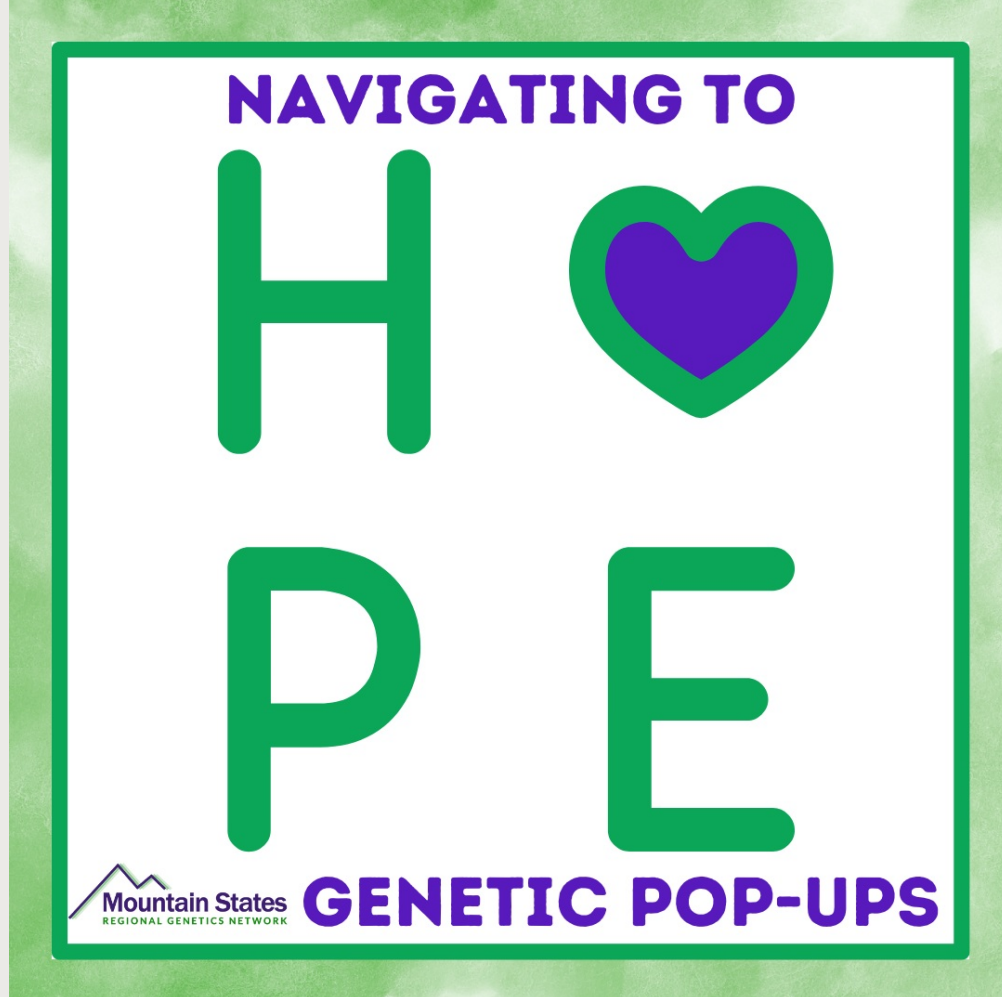


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Arcadia Counseling Services –  
a partner with Integrated  
TherapyWorks



**Amanda Schaefer**  
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Join us for our Genetics Pop-Up  
on October 24



*MSRGN is inviting you to our Genetics Pop-Up:*

HOPE Through Information

October 24, 2023

at 11am PT, noon MT, 1pm CT, and 2pm ET

featuring our Genetic Navigators sharing their thoughts on how they found

HOPE Through Information on their genetic journey.

To register please click: [here](#)  
and to download a pdf flyer to share click [here](#)

Register for  
Webinar

Continuing Education from  
past Genetics Summits



# Expiring Soon!

If you missed any of the 2021 or 2022 Genetic Summit Speakers and would like to claim continuing education credit please do so soon before these sessions expire!

[2021 Genetics Summit Recordings](#)

[2022 Genetics Summit Recordings](#)

## State Team Corner What's ROCK'n in Utah?



Each month we will be highlighting  
a project or resource  
created by one of our state teams that is  
ROCK'n the MSRGN Region.  
This month we are highlighting:

# UTAH

The UTAH team's Year 6 State Team project included continued distribution of the Where is Bear book with targeted calls and connections with pediatric practices throughout Utah. Distribution also continued through the Utah's Newborn Screening Department with the distribution of 2nd screen blood-spot cards. In year 7, the Utah team will be evaluating their project with the help of an intern who will be making calls to survey the clinics who received materials over the last few years of the grant.

[Download Where is Bear? in English](#)

[Download ¿Dónde está osito? in Spanish](#)

Go Team UTAH!

To learn more about the Wyoming State Team, check out their state 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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*In case you missed it...*

## *Family Leader Survey from the Family Center*



National Genetics  
Education and  
Family Support Center

The National Genetics Education and Family Support Center (**Family Center**) at **Expecting Health** is conducting a survey to gather feedback from Family Leaders. They are interested in your journey in this role, understanding the responsibilities you have, opportunities this work has provided (for you/your family, your local community, and the larger genetics healthcare delivery system), and what matters to you as a Family Leader to be meaningfully engaged; how is it going and are you

getting what you need.

*Who should respond to the survey? Any and All Family Leaders!*

Family Leaders are individuals who participate actively in their own health care and the care of others, raise awareness in the community, share their story with others, and advocate for a cause, OR are interested in learning more for themselves and their family members and sharing that information.

Please access the survey  
**here**  
(<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/39PM2YS>).

The survey may take 10-15 minutes to complete

**This survey will close on Friday, September 29, 2023**

**Take Family Survey  
here**

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