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# All about the

# New Mexico State Team

2020-2022



#### Year 4: 2020-2021

The New Mexico team in partnership with Hero's Path Palliative Care, planned 2 respite events for families in Farmington and Taos to be held in Year 6 utilizing the year 4 state team funds of \$1200.





#### Year 5: 2021-2022

The New Mexico team decided to print and distribute the MSRGN Ehlers Danlos algorithm (EDS) and checklist to PCP clinics in New Mexico. Their state team Year 5 funds went to the printing of the materials.

## **Diverse Representations and Partnerships**

The New Mexico team is proud to highlight their state team members from various backgrounds, both personally and professionally. They are thankful for the partnerships which have allowed them to have a state team project focused on families in underserved communities such as Taos and on the Navajo Reservation and look forward to continuing and growing these partnerships in the future years.



#### State Team Webpage

The New Mexico team updated their website in 2022 to feature the EDS Algorithm that they are distributing state wide to PCP clinics as their team project.

#### Momentum...stay tuned

The New Mexico team in conjunction with Hero's Path, will be holding a rescheduled respite event for families in Taos in year 6. Due to family emergencies, the original date had to be cancelled for the event and rescheduled.

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# All about the New Mexico State Team: Part 2

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2022-2024

#### Year 6: 2022-2023

For grant year 6 the New Mexico team distributed Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (EDS) packets and referral pathways to Early Intervention departments and pediatrician offices across the state. The University of New Mexico Medical Center (UNM) genetics representatives reported they have seen a positive trend in decreasing general referrals for Ehlers-Danlos and more appropriate referrals to the genetics clinic, alleviating some of the wait time burden.



#### Intern

The funds went to pay an intern, cover letter printing costs, postage and packaging for the distribution of the EDS materials.

## **Referral Pathway**

The team also put together a list of subspecialist with department phone numbers that they are calling a referral pathway.



#### **Time 4 Genetics**

The New Mexico team recruited 6 clinics to the Time 4 Genetics Initiative to educate primary care providers in their state.



#### Year 7: 2023-2024

Going into grant year 7 the New Mexico team plans on using their \$2000 on an intern to follow up with and gather feedback from the physician offices, early intervention offices and community organizations that received Ehlers Danlos packets in year 6.

# Infographic for Ehlers Danlos Syndrome

Going into grant year 7 the New Mexico team plans on creating an infographic for families about Ehlers Danlos Syndrome (EDS) that compliments the EDS Algorithm that the team has distributed in past grant years.

# **Backpacks for Families**

The New Mexico team in conjunction with Hero's Path, due to COVID, had to reschedule and cancel a number of events to they pivoted and created back packs for families that could be distributed to those with genetic conditions and enjoyed at home.