



January 2024

## MSRGN Project Directors' Message

**Mountain States**  
REGIONAL GENETICS NETWORK

**SAVE THE DATE**

**SUNSETTING**  
*Mountain States*  
Celebrating the end of an era

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**APRIL 11, 2024**

<b>2:00-4:30PM ET</b>	<b>NOON-2:30PM MT</b>
<b>1:00-3:30PM CT</b>	<b>11:00AM-1:30PM PT</b>

Hello to the Mountain States Genetics Family and Happy New Years-

As many of you have heard, and as was announced in the [August 2023](#) newsletter, the MSRGN grant will be sunsetting on May 31, 2024 and will not continue beyond that date. Mountain States, in one

iteration or another, has been part of of this region's genetics landscape for almost 40 years. In an effort to celebrate this ending of an era while also hearing about state team plans for sustainability, we are planing a 2.5 hour celebration on April 11, 2024. You all are invited and we ask that you reach out to friends and colleagues that have retired who were formerly involved in the region and invite them also!  
All are welcome!

We look forward to celebrating the end of an era with you in April-  
*the MSRGN Management team*



[Register here](#) for  
**Sunsetting of  
Mountain States:  
Celebrating the End of an Era!**

virtual event to be held on:

**April 11th**

from 2-4:30 ET/1-3:30 CT/ noon-2:30 MT/11am-1:30 PT

*Please save the date and if you can join us please registerhere!*

[Register Here](#)

# NEWBORN SCREENING FAMILY OUTCOMES LISTENING SESSION

*Are you someone who...*

Is caring for a child who received a **Positive Newborn Screen** (via bloodspot)?



Is living in one of these 8 states:  
**AZ, CO, MT, NM, NV, TX, UT, WY?**



Is willing to share your experience about newborn screening family outcomes at a virtual listening session in March?



MSRGN will be holding 2 listening sessions in March for families in our 8-state region who have received a positive newborn screen (bloodspot testing).

Are you a family who has received a positive newborn screening result that lives in one of the 8 states in the MSRGN Region? If you are and would like to share your input on family outcomes of newborn screening at an upcoming listening session in March, please fill out this interest form:

<https://bit.ly/NBSfamilyoutcomes>

If you or a family you know is interested in this opportunity, please feel free to share this flyer with them and have them fill out this form before March 1, 2024.

**Interest  
Form**



JOIN US FOR THE TIME 4 GENETICS WEBINAR:

**ARE ALL VARIANTS OF  
UNCERTAIN SIGNIFICANCE  
CREATED EQUAL?  
A ROUGH GUIDE**



***January 29, 2024***

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



**Guest Presenters:**  
**Dr. Abdallah (Abe) Elias**  
Clinical Geneticist, Medical  
Director of the Department of  
Medical Genetics at Shodair  
Children's Hospital  
&  
**Jaclyn Haven, MS, CGC**  
Genetic Counselor,  
Chief Administrative Officer of  
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Department of Medical Genetics at  
Shodair Children's Hospital



**Register TODAY!**

Our LAST  
Time 4 Genetics Webinar  
on the topic of  
**VARIANTS OF UNCERTAIN SIGNIFICANCE  
(VUS)**  
will be held on

**January 29th**  
**2pm ET/1pm CT/ noon MT/ 11am PT**

featuring Guest Presenters:

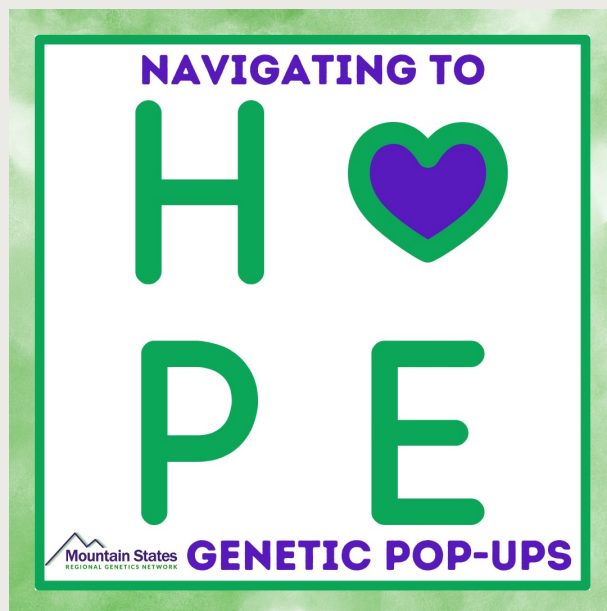
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Our LAST Genetic Pop-Up  
is coming up...

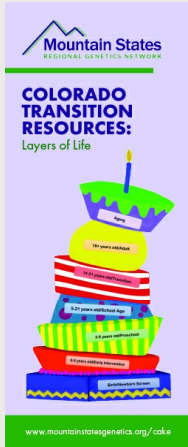


*MSRGN is inviting you to our LAST Genetic Pop-Up:*

HOPE Through Support  
February 22, 2024  
at 11am PT, noon MT, 1pm CT, and 2pm ET  
[Register here](#)

featuring our Genetic Navigators sharing their thoughts on how they  
found  
HOPE Through Support on their genetics journey.

Genetics Pop-Up  
Info



## Did you miss it? Colorado State Team- Genetic Pop-Up

featuring  
the Colorado State Team Birthday Cake Project  
**Colorado Transition Resources:  
Layers of Life**

Colorado Pop-Up Recording

## We reached a milestone! Over 10,000 Genetic Summit Sessions claimed for CME/CEU!

[click here for an UPDATED virtual interactive version of the infographic in last month's Newsletter](#)

## Healthcare Interpreter Training: Prenatal Genetics

February 3 & 10, 2024

*Reserve your seat today!*

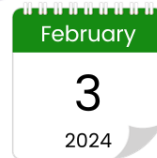
In collaboration with the National Coordinating Center, please join us for a FREE seven-hour virtual training (led by nationally recognized trainer Cynthia E. Roat, MPH) to help you better understand and more accurately interpret the information provided during a genetics appointment. To get the most out of the training, we ask that you:

- Connect to the Zoom via computer (not through a smart phone or tablet);
- Keep your camera on during the training.

The training will be held over two consecutive Saturdays (February 3 and 10, 2024) 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 6.5 CE credits (incl. 2 performance based CEU) from CCHI and IMIA, you must participate each day.

# INTERPRETING FOR PRENATAL GENETICS

A Workshop for Interpreters in Health Care



1-4:30 PM CT / 12-3:30 PM MT / 11-2:30 PM PT



Attendance on both days is required for CE credit.  
Approved for 6.5 CE credits (incl. 2 performance based CEU) from CCHI and IMIA.



[Register Here](#)

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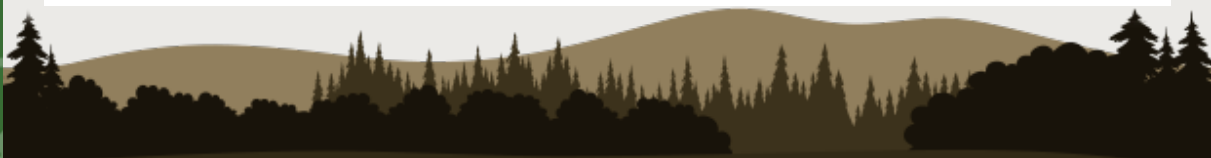
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