



February 2024

MSRGN Project Directors' Message



Hello to the Mountain States Genetics Family-
We hope you are having a LOVELY February!
In the month that we celebrate LOVE...
we thought we would share with you this
LOVE poem we wrote for you ALL:

*Oh MSRGN Members,
your heart is like cotton candy.
Your smile reminds us of
Walruses that were trained to waltz.
How we wish we could spend eternity
with you eagerly enjoying
the genes of the Rocky Mountains.
Our heart is joyful
since you are the chocolate cake of our eye.*

If you would like to play along and make your own
(and remember your grammar and parts of speech!)
cheesy "Mad-Libs" style love poem you can [click here!](#)

We would love to hear what you come up with.

In all sincerity,

we do admire each and every one of the
MSRGN members, partners and collaborators that we have had the
privilege of working with over the last few years!
Thank you for your dedication and please join us on APRIL 11th for our
Sunsetting event (see registration link below).

With Love and Appreciation-
the MSRGN Management team



APRIL 11, 2024

2:00-4:30PM ET

NOON-2:30PM MT

1:00-3:30PM CT

11:00AM-1:30PM PT

Register here for

Sunsetting

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?



WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR FAMILIES FROM
NEVADA and NEW MEXICO

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).

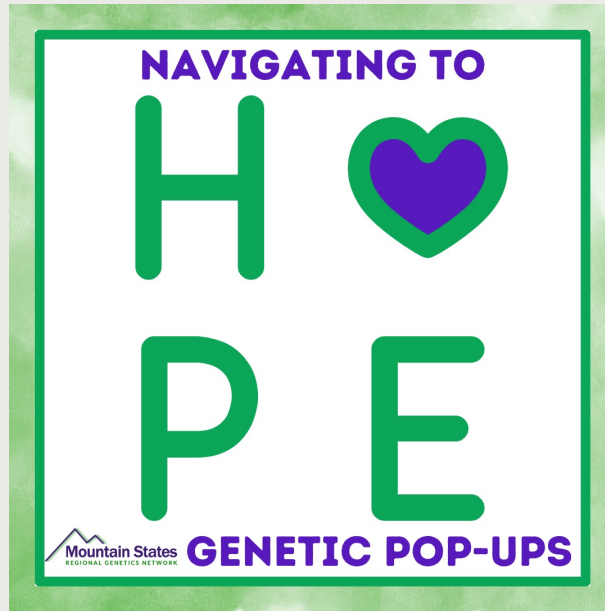
Are you a family who has received a positive newborn screening result
that lives in one of the 8 states in the MSRGN Region? If you are and
would like to share your input on family outcomes of newborn
screening at an upcoming listening session in March, please fill out this
interest form:

<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.

**Family Interest
Form**

Our LAST Genetic Pop-Up is THIS THURSDAY!



*After 6 years of Genetic Pop-Ups in the Mountain States Region,
we are 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.

To download a pdf flyer to share click [here](#)

Genetics Pop-Up
Info

Did you miss it?

**Our Last Time 4 Genetics
Webinar:**

**Variants of Uncertain
Significance (VUS)**

featuring: Dr. Abdallah (Abe) Elias &

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 Presenter:
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Clinical Geneticist, Medical
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Jaclyn Haven, MS, CGC
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**VUS Webinar
Recording**

GENETIC CONNECTIONS

**A WORKSHOP FOR
EARLY INTERVENTION PROFESSIONALS IN
NEVADA**

**MARCH 1ST & 8TH, 2024
NOON-1:00 PM PT**

delivered as a virtual Zoom 2-hour training of these 4 modules:

- 1** THE WHO AND WHY GENETICS
- 2** THE VOCABULARY OF GENETICS
- 3** FOUR FAMILY CASE STUDIES
- 4** RED FLAGS AND NEXT STEPS

**Nevada* Genetic Connections Workshop
for Early Intervention Professionals**

**March 1 & 8
3pm ET/2pm CT/ 1pm MT/ noon PT**

**If you are not in Nevada but work in another state in our region or beyond*

and would like to participate, please feel free to register. Priority will be given to those in Nevada but others are welcome.

[Register Here](#)

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