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Genetics Collaborative Awarded Medical Home Visiting Professorship

On July 18, 2008, the Mountain States Genetics Regional Collaborative Center (MSGRCC) was awarded the Medical Home Visiting Professorship (MHVP) Award from the American Academy of Pediatric's National Center for Medical Home Initiatives for Children with Special Needs and the American College of Medical Genetics' National Coordinating Center for the Regional Genetics and Newborn Screening Service Collaboratives (NCC). The goal of the MHVP program is to increase access to medical home information for regional, state, and local genetics and newborn screening activities through direct interaction with medical home experts. Collaboration and co-management between medical homes and sub-specialists will help to provide coordinated, continuous, and comprehensive care to patients with genetic conditions.

To fulfill the requirements of this award, the MSGRCC will be planning a Medical Home Forum for Fall 2008 in Denver, Colorado. The goal of the forum will be to bring together regional leaders and practitioners who have a stake in comprehensive medical home implementation and are responsible for creating a medical home for newborns and children with heritable disorders. Additionally, the forum will focus on creating relationships among all essential partners in an effort to facilitate expanded collaboration between medical home state teams and practitioners in each of the eight states. These linkages will emphasize those elements most critical to children and families with heritable disorders.

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