



HRSA Overview

Heartland Regional Genetics Network Annual Meeting

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Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People



Health Resources and Services Administration

HRSA's Mission:

To improve health outcomes and address health disparities through access to quality services, a skilled health workforce, and innovative, high-value programs.



Maternal and Child Health Bureau

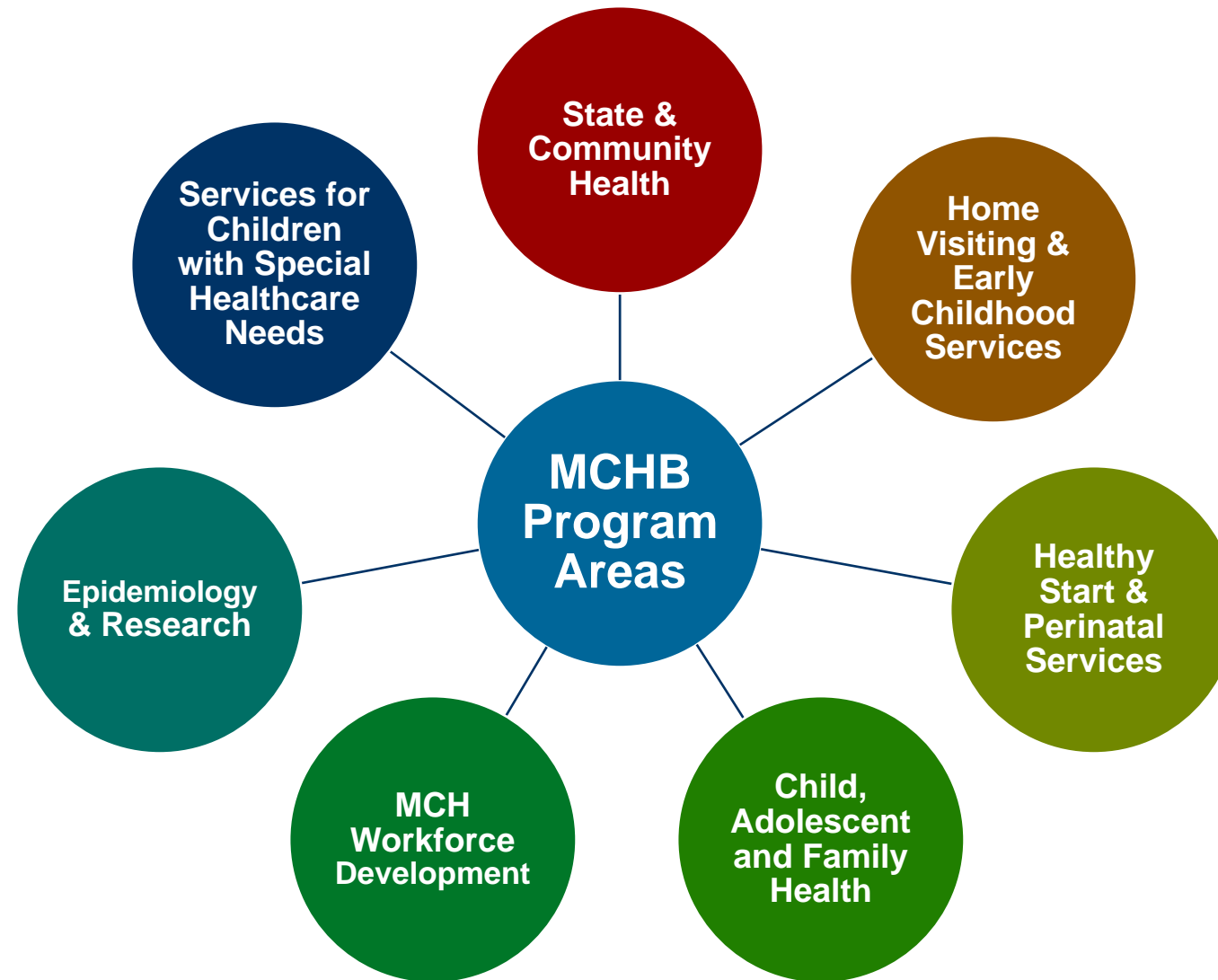


Mission:
**Improve the health of America's mothers,
children, and families.**

Paradigm for Improving Maternal and Child Health



Today's Maternal and Child Health Bureau



Division of Services for Children with Special Health Needs

DSCSHN Mission

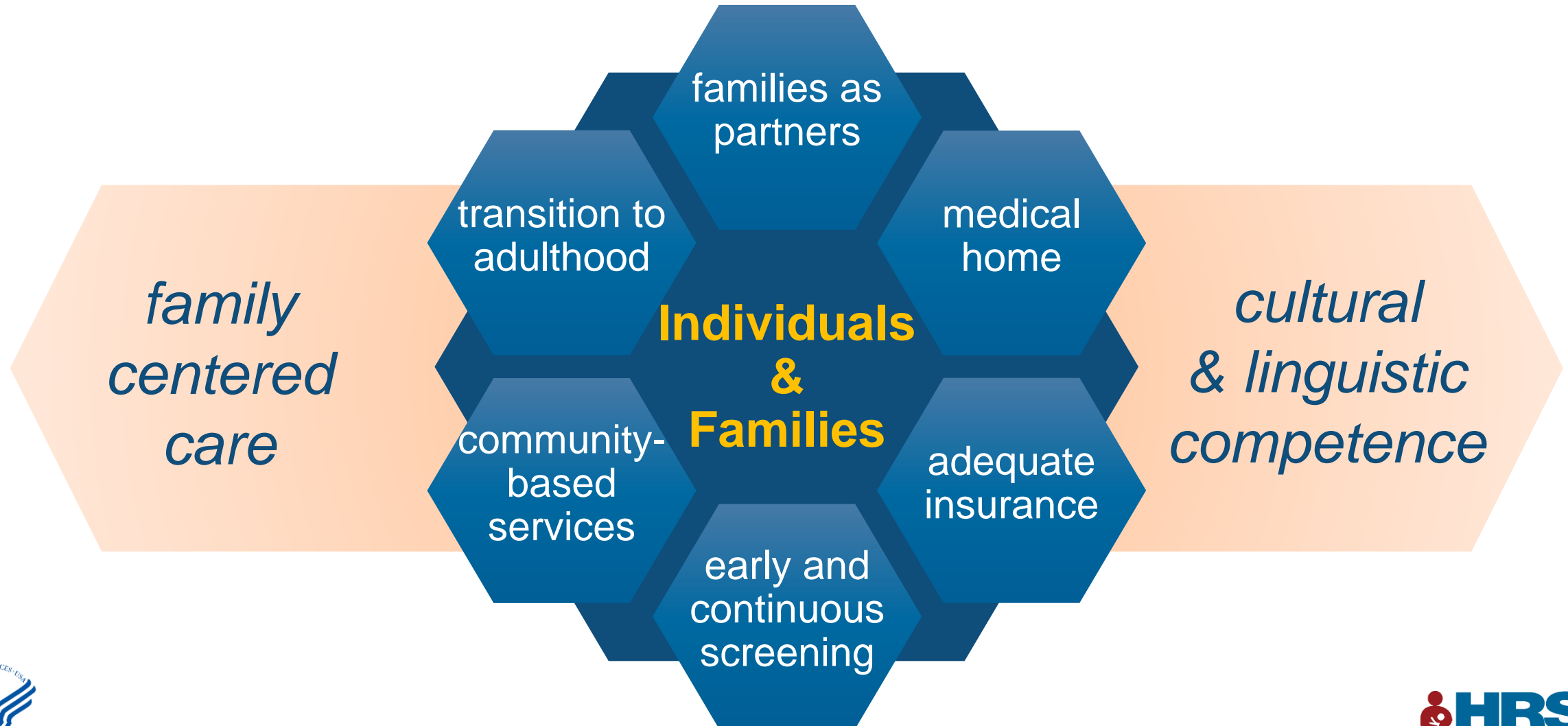
To provide national leadership to expand and strengthen access to a system of services for CYSHCN and their families as they grow and transition through adulthood.



Who do we serve?

Children or youth who have or are at increased risk for a chronic physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional condition and who also require health and related services or a type or amount beyond that required for children generally.

Six Indicators of a Well-Functioning System



DSCSHN: Program Snapshot

Systems of Care

Medical home

Transition

Financing

Family/Professional Partnership

CSHCN Research Network

CMC CoIIN

Screening

Newborn screening

Genetics Programs

Vision

Early Hearing Detection and Intervention

Environmental Health

Condition-specific

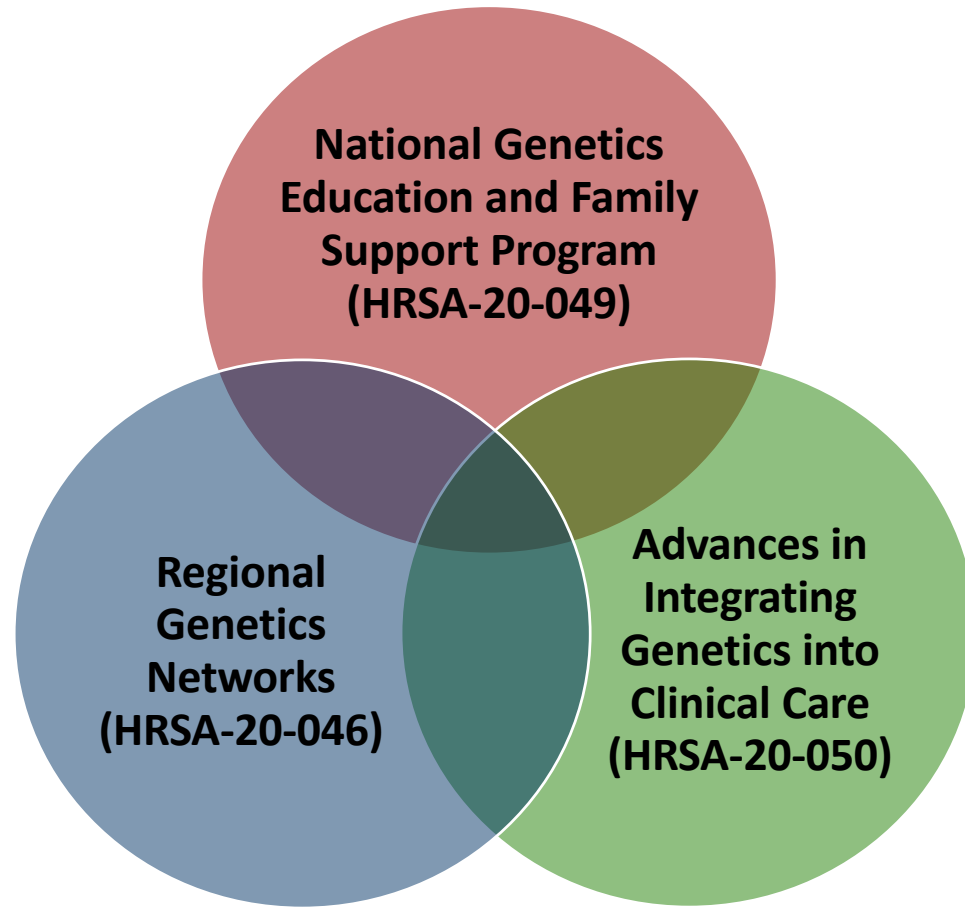
Epilepsy

Autism

Hemoglobinopathies

Hemophilia

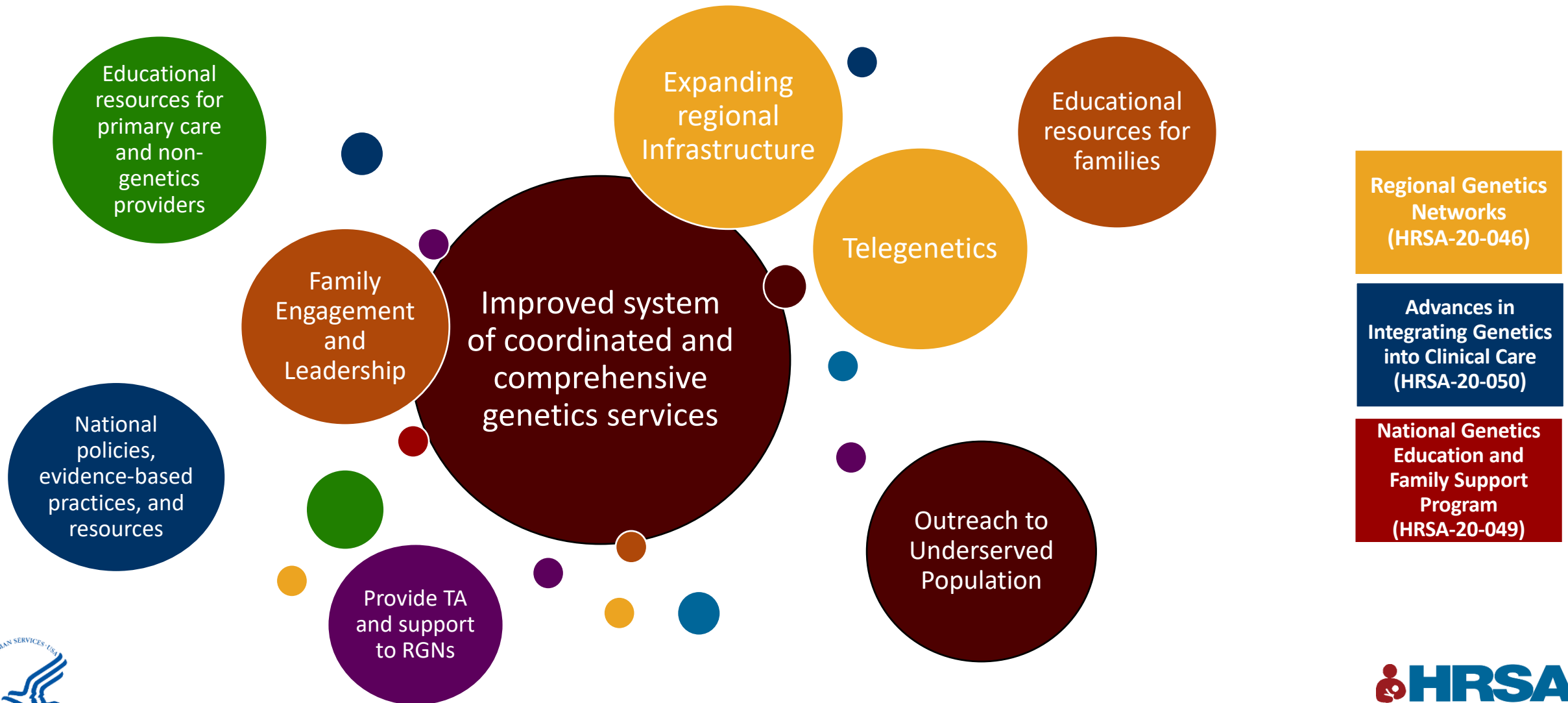
Genetics Programs



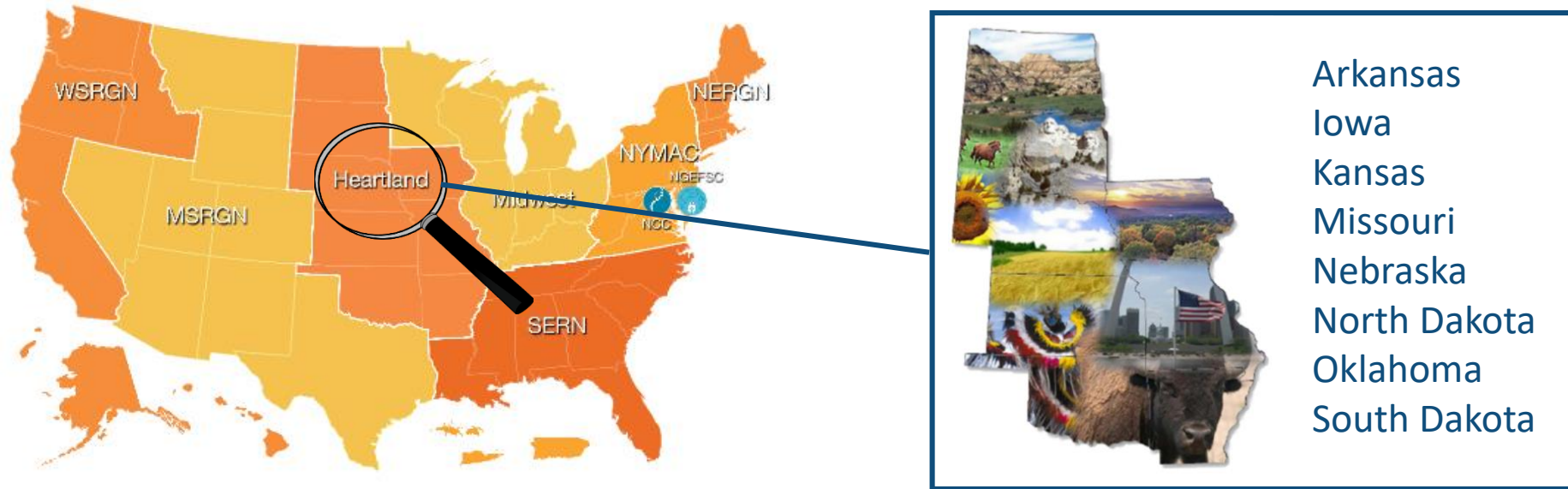
Overarching Goal

To improve access to genetic services, especially for underserved, disadvantaged, geographically isolated, and special needs populations

Genetics Programs Priorities



Regional Genetics Networks Priorities 2020-2024



Support a regional infrastructure for the genetics health care delivery system

- Strengthen, build, and expand partnerships, relationship, and infrastructure throughout each state of the region
- Develop and implement mechanisms to identify individuals and their families with or at risk for genetic disorders, especially underserved, and connect them to genetic services

Regional Genetics Networks Priorities 2020-2024

Provide education-related activities for providers, families, individuals, and other stakeholders.

- Develop and expand educational resources for health professionals
- Develop educational resources for families and support to family leaders to participate in MSRGN and genetics care delivery system

Facilitate the use of telehealth and telemedicine in the genetics health care delivery system.

- Provide technical assistance, training, and support to providers on telehealth
- Facilitate implementation and expansion of telehealth in genetics service provision



What and why do we measure?

- **RGN Program Objectives 2020-2024**

- Each RGN will facilitate connections to genetic services for at least 2,000 individuals or families with or at risk for genetic conditions, within the geographic area served by the RGN.
- Increase to at least 33% of the individuals who are medically underserved with or at risk for genetic conditions, served by each RGN.
- Increase by 20% the number of health care providers receiving education or training through the RGN.
- Increase by 20% the number of individuals with or at risk for genetic conditions, receiving genetic services through telemedicine visits.
- Increase by 20% the number of RGN resources accessed.

- **Program Measures**

- **Progress Reports – Both Quantitative and Qualitative**

Manage the work

Transparency

Feedback

Answer stakeholder
questions



New Websites

- [Newbornscreening.hrsa.gov](https://newbornscreening.hrsa.gov)
 - Provides clear and up-to-date information, materials, and resources about NBS in the United States. These resources help increase awareness, knowledge, and understanding of NBS and genetic conditions.
- [Telehealth.hhs.gov](https://telehealth.hhs.gov)
 - Provides information for patients and providers about the latest federal efforts to support and promote telehealth services



Mark your calendar



- Next meeting scheduled for May 13-14, 2021 [Register Here](#)

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