



About Us

Mission

Genetic Alliance increases the capacity of advocacy organizations to achieve their missions and leverages the voices of millions of individuals and families living with genetic conditions. To accomplish these goals, we build communication and mentoring networks, design and sponsor rigorous training courses, and provide infrastructure that both strengthens and empowers our 600 member organizations.

History

For almost 20 years Genetic Alliance has successfully assisted advocacy organizations that serve individuals and families with genetic diseases. Over the years, the Alliance has employed both traditional and innovative methods to build capacity in its member organizations—from the annual conference and regional training seminars, to an interactive website and a variety of listservs. Recently, Genetic Alliance has focused on promoting excellence in leadership and governance.

Membership

Genetic Alliance membership is free. Members, both individuals and organizations, gain access to a wide range of professional assistance. Among the resources offered by Genetic Alliance are: web-based tools aimed at pooling and distributing collective resources; technical assistance aimed at increasing funding, promoting research, providing services, and expanding membership; and training programs that prepare consumers for service on advisory committees, for work with policymakers, and for interaction with members of the media. To join Genetic Alliance, register on our website at <http://www.geneticalliance.org>.

Outreach

Central to all Genetic Alliance activity is a dedication to ensuring that critical genetics resources reach all populations and communities. Our partnerships encourage the development of tools that allow advocacy organizations to more effectively engage diverse communities.

Keys to Success

Sitting at the crossroads of the genetics community, Genetic Alliance provides a rich nexus of advocacy and community organizations, government officials, industry leaders, and private entities. These interactions accelerate translational research; improve the climate for research and development of new technologies; encourage participation in clinical trials; increase the availability of linked, annotated biological resources; and ultimately lead to improved human health. In our central position in this, the genetics community, Genetic Alliance empowers individuals and advocacy organizations to better the lives of their constituents: individuals and families living with genetic conditions.

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