



**Genome readers honor genetic counselors
who interpret complexity with compassion.**

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A Voice of Logic

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Jenny is the lead genetic counselor for the Iowa Newborn Screening Program. As a genetic counselor in a public health program, Jenny not only has an important responsibility for the lives of the families she counsels locally, she also has responsibility for families across the state.

Jenny has led the state's subcommittee to review conditions on Iowa's newborn screening panel and has been the voice of logic during sometimes-heated debates. She researches the evidence available about new conditions, leads the subcommittee through an organized evaluation of the evidence, and makes recommendations to the Congenital and Inherited Disorders Advisory Committee on behalf of the subcommittee. Jenny and the subcommittee developed the state's policy for the management of the newborn screening panel.

Jenny works with her peers in the medical genetics program at the University of Iowa to provide guidance on the case management of individuals with heritable conditions.

Jenny has cultivated lasting relationships with families of newborns and infants with an inherited disorder as she sees them through some of the toughest decisions they have had to make. Parents have commented on how much Jenny's calm presentation of factual, rational information has meant to them.

Jenny's work to provide comprehensive, compassionate care and to counsel Iowa's families make her very worthy of this recognition. 🌱

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