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Allayna Frank is a Neurogenetic Counselor at Upstate Medical University, where she specializes in counseling about pediatric epilepsy and neuromuscular syndromes. She is a 2022 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania's MS in Genetic Counseling program and trained with the ENGIN (Epilepsy Neurogenetics Initiative) Program at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Allayna's Master's thesis research was titled "'Disability, Diversity and Inclusion: A survey of genetic counselors with disabilities.'" This research was among the first to survey genetic counselors who have disabilities and/or chronic conditions, with the aim of guiding improvements to current JEDI practices in the field of genetic counseling. Brianna Berlin, a current University of Pennsylvania MS in Genetic Counseling student, will be joining Allayna in continuing this research in the 2022-23 academic year. "