

Support Groups
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National Groups

A Place To Remember 1885 University Ave., #110, St. Paul, MN 55104 1-800-631-0973. Sells birth/death announcement cards, comfort/sympathy cards, anniversary/special day cards, baby memory box and memory book, books on the topic of perinatal loss, and other support materials.

Abiding Hearts P.O. Box 904 Libby, MT 59923 406-293-4416. A support system for parents continuing pregnancy after prenatal diagnosis of fatal (or non-fatal) birth defects; unplanned pregnancies included. Also a newsletter for parents who choose to carry a baby with a genetic defect to term.

Website:<http://www.abidinghearts.com>

e-mail: support@abidinghearts.com

AMEND (Aiding a Mother [& Father] Experiencing Neonatal Death) 4324 Berrywick Terrace, St. Louis, MO 63128 314-487-7582. Coordinates one-on-one peer phone counseling for parents who need understanding and caring through others listening.

CLIMB, Inc. PO Box 1064, Palmer, AK 99645 907-746-6123. A support network by and for parents who have experienced the death of one or more, both or all babies from a twin or higher multiple pregnancy, during pregnancy, at or after birth, or in childhood.

The Compassionate Friends, Inc., National Headquarters PO Box 3696, Oak Brook, IL 60522-3696 630-990-0010. A self-help organization of bereaved parents with many local chapters. For families who have had a child of any age die from any cause.

Pen Parents, Inc. PO Box 8738, Reno, NV 89507-8738 702-826-7332, e-mail:

PenParents@aol.com. A correspondence network for parents who have suffered the tragedy of pregnancy loss or the death of a child. A good resource for professionals, too.

Perinatal Loss Project 2116 NE 18th Avenue, Portland, OR 97212-2621 503-284-7426. Booklets, cards and videos available for purchase.

Pregnancy and Infant Loss Center 1421 E. Wayzata Blvd., Suite #30, Wayzata, MN 55391 612-473-9372. A national non-profit that offers local and national support group information, a parent-to-parent peer support program, and professional training on miscarriage, stillbirth and infant death.

Website:<http://www.pilc.org/>

RTS Bereavement Services, (Resolve Through Sharing) Gunderson Lutheran Medical Center, 1910 South Ave., LaCrosse, WI 54601 1-800-362-9567, ext. 4747. Email: BERSERVS@LHL.GUNDLUTH.ORG. Hospital-based organization offering a support group, literature, and professional education after miscarriage, stillbirth, and neonatal death.

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SHARE (National Office), St. Joseph's Health Center 300 First Capitol Drive, St. Charles, MO 63301-2893 1-800-821-6819. Offers support to families who have had a miscarriage, stillbirth or infant death. Provides a newsletter, network of worldwide support groups, literature and referrals.

Wintergreen Press 3630 Eileen St., Maple Plain, MN 55359 612-476-1303. Sells books, booklets, audio-visual materials and consultant/trainer on the subject of miscarriage and infant loss.

Northern California

HAND (Helping After Neonatal Death) P.O. Box 341, Los Gatos 95301
Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara Counties and part of the Central Valley. 1-888-908-HAND

Sacramento Sharing Parents (Affiliated with the SHARE)
P.O. Box 198
Carmichael, CA 95609
(916) 424-5150
Website: <http://sharingparents.org>

Support After Neo-Natal Death (SAND)
California Pacific Medical Center 3700 California St., San Francisco, CA 94118 415-921-6171

Alta Bates Medical Center 2450 Ashby Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94705 510-204-1571

Women's Miscarriage Support Group John Muir Medical Center, 1601 Ygnacio Valley Road, Walnut Creek, CA 94598 (925) 947-5219 This support group is for anyone who has experienced a miscarriage. Receive helpful advice, gentle guidance and coming to terms with the loss you have experienced. There will be ongoing support toward becoming pregnant again.

Bereavement

Center for Living With Dying 554 Mission Park Drive, Santa Clara, CA 95054-1702 408-980-9801 Emotional support, crisis intervention, education regarding issues of loss, trauma, illness, stress, and grief.

Community Hospice, Inc. 601 McHenry Avenue, Modesto, CA 95350 209-577-0615

Hospice of Contra Costa 2051 Harrison Street, Concord, CA 94520 510-609-1830

Hope Hospice - Bereavement Support Program 6500 Dublin Boulevard, Suite 100, Dublin, CA 94568 510-829-8770

KARA 457 Kingsley Ave. Palo Alto, CA 94301 650-321-5272 Provides individual counseling, group facilitation, crisis intervention, community education, and information to individuals,

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families and community groups who are living with issues of life-threatening illness, limited life expectancy, death and grief.

Sutter VNA & Hospice 1110 N. Dutton Ave Santa Rosa, CA (707) 542-5045 (Ask for Bereavement Department)
Website: <http://vnahnc.org>

Touchstone Support Network 3041 Olcott Street, Santa Clara, CA 95054-3222 408-727- 5775
Provides emotional and practical support services for children with chronic or life-threatening illnesses and their families.

Genetic Support

Genetic Support Group 2340 Ward Street, Suite 204, Berkeley, CA 94705 510-845-4656
Ongoing open support group and individual or couples counseling for parents who have terminated a pregnancy due to genetic abnormalities in the fetus. Group is facilitated by a psychologist and a genetic counselor Group is sponsored by Kaiser, but you do not need to be a Kaiser member.

Surviving Painful Decisions Genetic Support Group 300 Pasteur Drive, Stanford CA 94305-5317 650-723-5198 Provides support for couples and individuals who are considering terminating or have terminated a pregnancy due to genetic abnormalities in the fetus. Connected with Stanford Medical Center. Provides referrals to similar resources.

SIDS

Northern California SIDS Alliance 1574 Faulkner Drive, Roseville, 95747 1-877-938-SIDS (7437) Website: www.sidsnc.com