



Western New York  
Perinatal Bereavement Network, Inc.

**Community Resources: Perinatal Loss**

**WNY Organizations & Programs**

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| The Western New York Perinatal Bereavement Network, Inc.               | 716-626-6363<br>30 S. Cayuga Road – Lower<br>Williamsville, NY 14221<br>Contact: Christine Scott<br>Christine@wnypbn.org<br><br>www.wnypbn.org  | A local non-profit that provides services and programs for families who have suffered a perinatal loss through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, and early infant death.                        |
| Footprints on the Heart at Sister's Hospital                           | 716-862-1678<br>2121 Main Street<br>Seton Professional Building, Suite 100<br>Buffalo, NY 14214<br>Contact: Amy Creamer<br><br><a href="http://www.chsbuffalo.org/Services/PregnancyLoss">http://www.chsbuffalo.org/Services/Pregnancy Loss</a>   | A program of the Catholic Health System of Buffalo which provides support for families dealing with the loss of a baby, including telephone support, online support, education, and individual counseling |
| Bereavement Support Services at Women & Children's Hospital of Buffalo | 716-878-7920<br>Women & Children's Hospital of Buffalo<br>219 Bryant Street<br>Buffalo, NY 14222<br>Contact: Sister Brenda Whelan<br><br><a href="http://www.kaleidahealth.org/childrens/services/display.asp?s=665">http://www.kaleidahealth.org/childrens/service s/display.asp?s=665</a> | A support program of Kaleida Health which offers bereavement support and referral services for families who have lost a child in the hospital or in the community   |
| Pregnancy & Postpartum Support at Kaleida Health                       | 716-568-6653<br>Contact: Nancy Owen, Denise Hudden, or Karen Cwalina<br><br><a href="http://www.kaleidahealth.org/services/pdfs/SUB-CaringArmsPerinatalLoss-brochure.pdf">http://www.kaleidahealth.org/services/pdfs/SU B-CaringArmsPerinatalLoss-brochure.pdf</a>                          | A program of Women's Services at Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital, offering support groups and emotional support for perinatal loss   |
| Catholic Cemeteries, Diocese of Buffalo Bereavement Support Services   | 716-873-6500<br>Contact: Nancy Weil, Director of Grief Support Services<br><br><a href="http://buffalocatholiccemeteries.org/BEREAVEMENT/GriefSupportPrograms.aspx">http://buffalocatholiccemeteries.org/BEREAVEMENT/GriefSupportPrograms.aspx</a>  | Grief Support Programs are available. Community Memorial Services are also held in the spring and fall  |
| Family Help Center – Sudden Infant & Child Death Resource Center       | 716-822-0919<br>60 Dingens Street<br>Buffalo, NY 14206<br>Contact: Jan Walkden<br><br><a href="http://www.familyhelpcenter.net/">http://www.familyhelpcenter.net/</a><br><a href="http://www.stonybrookmedicalcenter.org/sids">http://www.stonybrookmedicalcenter.org/sids</a>              | A local organization providing safety services for families, including Sudden Unexpected Infant Death support   |



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| Essential Care Perinatal           | 716-686-8006<br><a href="https://www.hospicebuffalo.com/services/essential-care-perinatal/">https://www.hospicebuffalo.com/services/essential-care-perinatal/</a> | Hospice Buffalo's program for families with an infant who has been diagnosed with a life-threatening condition before birth |
| Perinatal Network of Monroe County | 585-546-4930<br><a href="http://www.pnmc-hsr.org/">http://www.pnmc-hsr.org/</a>   | A community organization that promotes health for mothers and babies  |

**National Organizations & Programs**

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| March of Dimes                          | 585-286-5866<br><a href="http://www.marchofdimes.org/">http://www.marchofdimes.org/</a>   | A national organization that helps mothers have full-term pregnancies and researches the problems that threaten infant health                             |
| Share Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support | 800-821-6819<br><a href="http://nationalshare.org/">http://nationalshare.org/</a>   | An online community for any person who has experienced the loss of a baby   |
| Bereaved Parents of the USA             | Buffalo Chapter: 716-936-2547<br><a href="http://www.bpusabuff.org/">http://www.bpusabuff.org/</a><br><br>WNY Chapter: 716-675-3844<br><a href="http://www.bpwestny.bpchapter.org/HTML/Home.htm">http://www.bpwestny.bpchapter.org/HTML/Home.htm</a><br><br><a href="http://www.bereavedparentsusa.org/">http://www.bereavedparentsusa.org/</a> | A national self-help group with local chapters which helps bereaved parents and grandparents, regardless of the circumstances of the child's death        |
| The MISS Foundation                     | 602-279-6477<br>888-455-6477<br><a href="http://www.missfoundation.org/">http://www.missfoundation.org/</a>   | An international support organization providing care to families who have experienced the death of a baby   |
| The Compassionate Friends               | 877-969-0010<br>630-990-0010<br><a href="http://www.compassionatefriends.org">http://www.compassionatefriends.org</a>   | A national organization that offers comfort and support for parents, siblings, grandparents, and other families members experiencing the death of a child |

**For Professionals**

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| Pregnancy Loss and Infant Death Alliance         | P.O. Box 658<br>Parker, CO 80134<br>888-693-1435<br><a href="http://www.plida.org/">http://www.plida.org/</a>   | A membership organization that supports health care practitioners and parent-advocates in their efforts to improve care for families who experience the death of a baby |
| Resolve Through Sharing, Gunderson Health System | 800-362-9567<br>608-782-7300<br><a href="http://www.gundersenhealth.org/resolve-through-sharing">http://www.gundersenhealth.org/resolve-through-sharing</a> | A training program for professionals to learn about bereavement support, offers online education as well as training and conferences                                    |



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| Association for Death Education and Counseling | 847-509-0403<br>www.adec.org | A group providing continuing education and referrals/resources for professionals working with death and bereavement |
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**Other Helpful Websites**

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| <a href="http://stillstandingmag.com/">http://stillstandingmag.com/</a>   | An online magazine for bereaved parents   |
| <a href="http://vimeo.com/18714302">http://vimeo.com/18714302</a>   | Nurses Grieve Too: A video about the experiences of nurses working with perinatal loss                                  |
| <a href="http://grieveoutloud.org/">http://grieveoutloud.org/</a>   | A pregnancy and infant loss support website that offers an online pen-pal program for bereaved parents and grandparents |
| <a href="http://citymomsblog.com/columbiasc/walking-with-a-friend-through-the-loss-of-a-child/">http://citymomsblog.com/columbiasc/walking-with-a-friend-through-the-loss-of-a-child/</a> | A blog post about how to support a friend or loved one who has experienced the loss of a child                          |

**Area Support Groups**

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| WNYPBN Tiniest Angels Parent Bereavement Support – miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, and early infant death       | WNYPBN Office<br>30 S. Cayuga Rd. – Lower<br>Williamsville<br>716-626-6363   | Third Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm – Call to register   |
| WNYPBN Tiniest Angels Support for Subsequent Pregnancy  | WNYPBN Office<br>30 S. Cayuga Rd. – Lower<br>Williamsville<br>716-626-6363   | Third Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm – Call to register   |
| WNYPBN Tiniest Angels Grandparent Support   | WNYPBN Office<br>30 S. Cayuga Rd. – Lower<br>Williamsville<br>716-626-6363   | Last Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm – Call to register  |
| WNYPBN Tiniest Lights Peer-to-Peer Bereavement Support – miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, and early infant death | Olean Public Library<br>134 North Second St.<br>Olean<br>716-626-6363        | Third Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm  |
| Caring Arms Support Circle  | Ministry Center, Room #4<br>100 Gregory Ct.<br>Williamsville<br>716-568-6653 | Second Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm   |
| Face2face Rochester   | 585-454-9299<br><br>F2frochester@gmail.com                                   | A Rochester-based group offering support to families coping with miscarriage, stillbirth, and infant loss |



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**WNY Grief Counseling Referrals**

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| Ruthellen Bunis, LCSW-R  | 5820 Main Street, Suite 203, Williamsville<br>716-984-1883<br>716-833-0415 | Focuses on adult, family, children's grief, trauma, and serious illness  |
| Chris Bylewski, LCSW-R   | 5166 Main Street, Williamsville<br>716-565-2092                            | Focuses on cancer counseling   |
| Amy Creamer, MHC         | 716-862-1678   | Perinatal bereavement counselor through Footprints on the Heart  |
| Lynn DeSimone, LCSW-R    | 5784 Main Street, Williamsville<br>716-860-9174                            | Specializes with children and grief  |
| Monika Feinberg, LCSW-R  | 4476 Main Street, Suite 208, Amherst<br>716-432-6387<br>716-833-0415       | Focused on adult, family and children's grief, trauma, and serious illness   |
| Eileen Giancarlo, LCSW-R | 1837 Hertel Avenue, Buffalo<br>716-228-7100                                | Focuses on bereavement, serious illness, adults, young adults, and adolescents   |
| Ed Giannino, LCSW-R      | 1140 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo<br>716-868-0489                              | Focuses on bereavement, serious illness, adults, and children  |
| Pamela Hughes, LCSW      | 315 Alberta Drive, Suite 211, Amherst<br>716-837-6705                      | Focuses on bereavement, serious illness, and caregiving  |
| Mark Scrivani, MA        | 72 Fordham Drive, Buffalo<br>716-447-0000                                  | Focuses on bereavement   |
| Kristi Smith, LCSW-R     | 8265 Sheridan Drive, Williamsville<br>716-558-6105<br>716-906-7171         | Focuses on bereavement, serious illness, adults, and adolescents   |
| Susan Varney, PhD        | 142 Bidwell Parkway, Buffalo<br>716-608-3378                               | Specializes with women experiencing perinatal mood disorders or attachment difficulties, and couples experiencing perinatal loss |
| Brenda Whelan, LMHC-P    | 3859 N. Buffalo Road, Orchard Park<br>716-228-1057                         | Focuses on grief, serious illness, family dynamics, adolescents, and adults  |

**Burial Assistance Programs**

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| Wings of Love Memorial Fund | 716-626-6363<br>Contact: Christine Scott<br><br><a href="http://wnypbn.org/images/WoL_Brochure_13new.pdf">http://wnypbn.org/images/WoL_Brochure_13new.pdf</a> | A program of WNYPBN providing financial support for burial or cremation to families in need within the 8 counties of Western New York, also sponsors Wings of Love Memorial Gardens throughout Western New York |
| Josh Rojas Foundation       | <a href="http://www.joshrojas.org/">http://www.joshrojas.org/</a>   | A Rochester-based organization that can assist with headstones or markers for families who have lost a child  |