



Western New York  
Perinatal Bereavement Network, Inc.

**Community Resources: Perinatal Loss**

**WNY Organizations & Programs**

The Western New York Perinatal Bereavement Network, Inc.	716-626-6363 150 Bennett Rd. Cheektowaga, NY 14227 Contact: Christine Scott, Executive Director Christine@wnypbn.org 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 2121 Main Street Seton Professional Building, Suite 100 Buffalo, NY 14214 Contact: Amy Creamer chsbuffalo.org/services/pregnancyloss	A support program aimed to help families dealing with the loss of a baby, including telephone support, online support, education, and individual counseling
Bereavement Support Services at John R. Oishei Children's Hospital of Buffalo	716-323-1540 818 Ellicott Street Buffalo, NY 14203 Contact: Pastoral Care, Tom Baldwin www.ochbuffalo.org	A support program 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 Contact: Karen Cwalina RN, Grace Jaworski: Caring Arms Support Group, Denise Hudden RN, Nancy Owen RN www.kaleidahealth.org/services/pdfs/SUB-CaringArmsPerinatalLoss-brochure.pdf	A program of Women's Services at Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital, offering support groups and emotional support for perinatal loss
Catholic Diocese of Buffalo Bereavement Support Services	716-873-6500 Contact: Marianne Hubert, Director of Grief Support Services buffalocatholiccemeteries.org	Grief Support Programs are available. Community Memorial Services are also held in the spring and fall
Essential Care Perinatal	716-686-8006 Contact: Terri Ryan, RN www.hospicebuffalo.com	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 693 East Ave Suite 200 Rochester, NY 14607 www.pnmc-hsr.org	A community organization that promotes health for mothers and babies
The New York Milk Bank, Inc.	914-487-4812 P.O. Box 125 Ardsley-on-Hudson New York, NY 10503 www.nymilkbank.org	The New York Milk Bank is dedicated to improving the health and survival of infants in need by providing them with safely pasteurized donor human milk when their mothers' own milk is unavailable or insufficient

**National Organizations & Programs**

March of Dimes	585-286-5866 www.marchofdimes.org	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 nationalshare.org	An online community for any person who has experienced the loss of a baby
Bereaved Parents of the USA	Buffalo Chapter: 716-936-2547 www.bpusabuff.org WNY Chapter: 716-675-3844 www.bpwestny.bpchapter.org www.bereavedparentsusa.org	A national self-help group with local chapters which helps bereaved parents and grandparents, regardless of the circumstances of the child's death



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The MISS Foundation	602-279-6477 888-455-6477 www.missfoundation.org	An international support organization providing care to families who have experienced the death of a baby
The Compassionate Friends	877-969-0010 630-990-0010 www.compassionatefriends.org	A national organization that offers comfort and support for parents, siblings, grandparents, and other families members experiencing the death of a child

**For Professionals**

Pregnancy Loss and Infant Death Alliance	P.O. Box 658 Parker, CO 80134 888-693-1435 www.plida.org	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, Gundersen Health System	800-362-9567 608-782-7300 www.gundersenhealth.org/resolve-through-sharing	A training program for professionals to learn about bereavement support, offers online education as well as training and conferences
Association for Death Education and Counseling	847-509-0403 www.adec.org	A group providing continuing education and referrals/resources for professionals working with death and bereavement

**Other Helpful Websites**

www.stillstandingmag.com	An online magazine for bereaved parents
www.vimeo.com/18714302	Nurses Grieve Too: A video about the experiences of nurses working with perinatal loss
www.grieveoutloud.org	A pregnancy and infant loss support website that offers an online penpal program for bereaved parents and grandparents
www.columbiasc.citymomsblog.com	A blog post about how to support a friend or loved one who has experienced the loss of a child
https://www.tuck.com/sleep-and-grief/	Tuck Sleep offers information for insomnia or exhaustion related to your grief.
http://www.emptyarmsbereavement.org/	Perinatal Bereavement resources; includes Termination for Medical Reasons Support

**Area Support Groups**

Tiniest Angels Support Group	The Wilson Support Center 150 Bennett Road Cheektowaga, NY 14227 716-626-6363	The WNY PBN's peer support group held for parents, grandparents and family affected by perinatal loss. Meets the third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm
Face2face Rochester	585-454-9299 F2frochester@gmail.com	A Rochester-based group offering support to families coping with miscarriage, stillbirth, and infant loss
Footprints on the Heart	Piver Center Conference Room Sister's Hospital 2121 Main Street Buffalo 716-862-1678	First Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm Offers support to families coping with miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, and early infant death
Hopeful Hearts	Piver Center Conference Room Sister's Hospital 2121 Main Street 716-862-1678	Third Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm Support group for moms pregnant again after a loss



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Bereaved Parents of the USA	The Wilson Support Center 150 Bennett Road Cheektowaga, NY 14227 716-675-3844	
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**WNY Grief Counseling Referrals**

Ruthellen Bunis, LCSW-R	5820 Main Street Suite 203, Williamsville 716-984-1883 716-833-0415	Focuses on adult, family, children's grief, trauma, and serious illness
Chris Bylewski, LCSW-R	5166 Main Street, Williamsville 716-565-2092	Focuses on cancer counseling
Amy Creamer, LMHC	2121 Main Street, Buffalo 716-862-1678	Perinatal bereavement counselor through Footprints on the Heart
Lynn DeSimone, LCSW-R	5784 Main Street, Williamsville 716-860-9174	Specializes with children and grief
Eileen Giancarlo, LCSW-R	1837 Hertel Avenue, Buffalo 716-228-7100	Focuses on bereavement, serious illness, adults, young adults, and adolescents
Ed Giannino, LCSW-R	257 Lafayette Avenue, Buffalo (716) 868-0489	Focuses on bereavement, serious illness, adults, and children
Bonnie L. Glazer, LCSW-R	5280 Main Street, Suite 400, Williamsville (716) 818-1173	Focuses on individual, couples, and family grief. Daytime hours only
Pamela Hughes, LCSW	315 Alberta Drive, Suite 211, Amherst 716-837-6705	Focuses on bereavement, serious illness, and caregiving
Mark Scrivani, MA	72 Fordham Drive, Buffalo 716-447-0000	Focuses on bereavement
Kristi Smith, LCSW-R	8265 Sheridan Drive, Williamsville 716-558-6105 716-906-7171	Focuses on bereavement, serious illness, adults, and adolescents
Brenda Whelan, LMHC-P	3859 N. Buffalo Road, Orchard Park 716-228-1057	Focuses on grief, serious illness, family dynamics, adolescents, and adults
Jennifer Mancuso Urban, LCSW-R, PMH-C	6456 New Taylor Rd, Orchard Park, NY 14127 Telehealth  716-906-2800 <a href="mailto:jennifer@jmurbanlcsw.com">jennifer@jmurbanlcsw.com</a>	Focuses on postpartum mood disorders, grief and loss, and relationship conflict.
Mindi Lobuzzetta LMHC, PLLC	716-812-5717	Trauma Psychotherapist

**Burial Assistance Programs**

Wings of Love Memorial Fund	716-626-6363 Contact: Christine Scott  <a href="http://www.wnypbn.org/images/WoL_Brochure_13ne">www.wnypbn.org/images/WoL_Brochure_13ne</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
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Josh Rojas Foundation	<a href="http://www.joshrojas.org">www.joshrojas.org</a>	A Rochester-based organization that can assist with headstones or markers for families who have lost a child