

# Bereavement Resources and Perinatal Loss Support Groups

## National Organizations

### Aiding Mothers and Fathers Experiencing Neonatal Death (AMEND)

National network that offers support and encouragement to parents having a normal grief reaction to the loss of their baby. One-to-one peer counseling with trained volunteers.

Maureen Connelly (314) 487-7582

Martha Eise (314) 291-0892

Jane Borman (618) 466-7129

### Center for Loss in Multiple Birth, Inc. (CLIMB)

Support for parents who have experienced the death of one or more of their twins or higher multiples. Newsletter, information on specialized topics, pen pals, phone support.

[www.CLIMB-support.org](http://www.CLIMB-support.org)

### Compassionate Friends National Office

Call for local chapter information.

(877) 969-0010 [www.compassionatefriends.org](http://www.compassionatefriends.org)

### First Candle

Provides referrals to local support groups and operates the SIDSNET List Serve (<http://sids-network.org/mlst.htm>). Bilingual crisis counselors are available 24/7.

(800) 221-7437 [www.firstcandle.org](http://www.firstcandle.org)

### Grassroots Crisis Hotline

Crisis counseling and referrals for any painful situation.

(410) 531-6677

### MIS (Miscarriage, Infant death, and Stillbirth)

A self-help network providing support for persons and couples experiencing loss by miscarriage, stillbirth or infant death.

Statewide Office (301) 460-6222

Spanish Speaking (202) 966-1311(Ask for Monica)

### RTS Bereavement Support

(Formerly Resolve Through Sharing)

National Office (608) 791-4747

### SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) Hotline

Supports research, educates the public, produces a newsletter, and provides a telephone support network.

(800) 232-SIDS (7437)

[www.SIDS.org](http://www.SIDS.org) E-mail [prevent@SIDS.org](mailto:prevent@SIDS.org)

### SHARE National office

Mutual support for bereaved parents and families who have suffered a loss due to miscarriage, stillbirth, or neonatal death. Provides newsletter, pen pals, and referrals.

(800) 821-6819 [www.nationalshareoffice.com](http://www.nationalshareoffice.com)

### UNITE, Inc.

Support for parents grieving a miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death. Support for parents through subsequent pregnancies.

Group facilitator and grief counselor training programs. Group meetings, phone counseling, newsletter, annual conference.

(215) 728-3777 (tape)

## Statewide

### Center for Infant and Child Loss

Provides counseling and support to newly bereaved families of sudden infant or child loss.

(800) 808-SIDS

[www.infantandchildloss.org](http://www.infantandchildloss.org)

## Baltimore Metro Area

### Greater Baltimore Medical Center (GBMC)

6569 North Charles Street

Towson, Maryland 21204

Nancy Campbell, 443-849-2308

Deborah Johnson, 443-849-2079

Group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month from 6:30pm-8:00pm. Please call to confirm location and time.

### Harbor Hospital

3001 South Hanover Street

Baltimore, Maryland 21225

Amy Foy, Nursing Recruiter/ Support Group Volunteer

(410) 350-2080

Group meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 7:00pm - 8:30pm at The Life Resource Center in the library (across the street from Harbor Hospital, Room A)

### Mercy Medical Center (Mercy Cares Program)

301 Saint Paul Place

Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Contact Kathleen Wagner at (410) 332-9326

Group only open to mothers who gave birth at Mercy.

### Saint Joseph's Hospital

7601 Osler Drive

Towson, Maryland 21204

(410) 337-1109

Group meets 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00pm in the Pastoral/ Spiritual Care Department Conference room. Call to register (open to all).



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## ***Baltimore Metro Area (cont.)***

### **Sinai Hospital**

2401 West Belvedere Avenue  
Baltimore, Maryland 21215  
(410) 601-5192

*Group held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm in the Weinberg building, Suite 105.*

### **Upper Chesapeake Medical Center**

500 Upper Chesapeake Drive  
Bel Air, Maryland 21014  
(800) 515-0044

*Perinatal Bereavement Support Group - Miscarriage, stillbirth, and infant death. Group held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm in the Bel Air Room.*

### **University of Maryland Medical Systems**

Contact Christine Shippen  
(410) 328-0914

*For phone support or referrals.*

## ***Annapolis Area***

### **Hospice of Prince George's County**

11700 Beltsville Drive, Suite 100  
Beltsville, Maryland 20705  
(301) 572-2489

*Hospice offers bereavement support services for a variety of needs and concerns, including grief support groups.*

### **Riva Trace Baptist Church**

2990 Riva Trace Parkway  
Annapolis, Maryland 21407

*Contact Anne O'Sullivan by paging her at (410) 863-8391.  
Group held 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month from 7:00pm - 8:30pm.*

## ***Washington, DC Metro Area***

### **Holy Cross Hospital**

1500 Forest Glen Road  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910  
Maryland MIS Support Group  
Contact Cubbi Lahood at (301) 681-5784

*Group held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:30pm.*

## **Northern Virginia**

St Luke's United Methodist Church  
7628 Leesburg Pike  
Falls Church, Virginia 22043  
Contact Nancy Owens at (703) 356-0353  
*Group held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month*

## **Southern Maryland Hospital**

Professional Building  
7501 Surratts Road, Room 202  
Clinton, Maryland 20735  
Contact Barb Gallagher (301)877-4244  
*Group held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm. The building is located next door to the hospital.*

## ***Western Maryland Area***

### **Washington County Hospital**

Labor of Love  
251 East Antietam Street  
Hagerstown, Maryland 21742  
Contact Judy Conrad  
(301) 790-8421  
*Meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm.*

## ***Eastern Shore***

### **Wicomico County**

Peninsula Regional Medical Center  
STAR (Special Treasures Are Remembered)  
100 East Carroll Street  
Salisbury, Maryland 21801  
(410) 543-7039  
*Contact Maryrose, RN, Perinatal & Infant Bereavement Coordinator - maryrose.custer@peninsula.org  
Meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays from 7:00pm - 8:45pm in the Avery Hall Educational Building (corner of Waverly Drive and Locust Street).*

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