

Bereavement Support Resources in Michigan

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Sites with Local Chapters in Michigan

Bereaved Parents of the USA:

Support site and chapters for grieving parents, grandparents, and siblings. A chapter is located in Saginaw.

<http://bereavedparentsusa.org>

The Compassionate Friends:

“The mission of The Compassionate Friends is to assist families toward the positive resolution of grief following the death of a child of any age and to provide information to help others be supportive.”

<http://www.compassionatefriends.org>

Share: Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support, Inc.:

Their mission “is to serve those whose lives are touched by the tragic death of a baby through early pregnancy loss, stillbirth, or in the first few months of life.”

The site provides support resources and message boards. Michigan support groups meet in Kalamazoo and St. Joseph. <http://www.nationalshareoffice.com>

Support After the Death of a Child

Sandcastles: Henry Ford Health System

The Grief Support Program for Children and Families includes bi-weekly program sessions and an annual Healing Hearts Camp for ages 5 to 18.

<http://www.aboutsandcastles.org> Phone: (313) 874-6881

FirstCandle:

This site has a grief section for families of infants lost through SIDS or stillbirth.

The site can be translated into Spanish. <http://www.firstcandle.org>

1-800-221-7437: Bilingual Crisis Counselors available 24 hours a day.

GriefNet:

This is a support site for anyone who is grieving a death from any cause. They have many resources and support groups. <http://www.griefnet.org>

March of Dimes: Pregnancy and Newborn Loss:

<http://www.marchofdimes.com/pnhec/572.asp>

Waiting With Love...For Parents Who Choose to Continue a Pregnancy Knowing Their Unborn Baby Will Die Before or Shortly After Birth and for Families Who Learn Their Newborn Will Die <http://www.erichad.com/wwl/>

Specifically For Kids

KIDSAID (Companion site to GriefNet)

“A safe place for kids to help each other deal with grief and loss. It’s a place to deal with feelings in our e-mail support group, to share and view artwork and stories, and for parents and kids to ask questions and find answers.”

<http://kidsaid.com>

Ele’s Place:

“A healing center for grieving children throughout the Lansing and Ann Arbor regions. Ongoing peer support group programs help hundreds of children and teens to cope with the death or life-threatening illness of a parent, sibling or other close family member or friend.” <http://www.elesplace.org>

Phone: (517)482-1315/Lansing (734)929-6640/Ann Arbor

Ending A Pregnancy

A Heartbreaking Choice:

This site supports parents who have chosen to terminate a pregnancy because of a serious or fatal prenatal diagnosis of their unborn baby. The site can also be translated into Spanish. <http://www.ahartbreakingchoice.com>

Loss of Twins or Multiples

CLIMB: Center for Loss in Multiple Birth, Inc.:

A support site for the loss of a twin or twins, or loss of higher multiples. The page can be translated into Spanish, French, Chinese, and Russian.

<http://climb-support.org>

Twinless Twins Support Group:

“A unique support group that helps twinless twins “heal by helping” other twins...Provide support for twins and other multiples who have lost their twin due to death or estrangement at any age.” <http://www.twinlesstwins.org>

Facebook Groups

Bereavement Support Group

"For people who have lost a loved one, a friend or somebody they admired. A place to be able to honour the person you lost, talk about them and get your feelings off your chest without the worry of upsetting your Facebook friends or appearing morbid and getting deleted for being depressing lol!"

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/655797301165073/>

Bereaved Parents of Childhood Cancer

This group is for parents who have lost a child to cancer.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/264529873599659/>

For more information, go to
<https://www.childpalliative.org>