

## **Akron Children's Hospital Grief Support Programs**

For bereaved parents

Energized Toward Healing – 8 sessions per series  
Spring series starts in February. Fall series starts in August.  
Thursday evenings – 7 – 9 pm  
Considine Professional Building  
Closed group. Registration required.  
Palliative Care Center: 330-543-3343

The Compassionate Friends – monthly meetings  
National organization of bereaved parents supporting bereaved families  
Local Chapters around the United States  
Akron Chapter - meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month – 7 – 9 pm  
Considine Professional Building  
Open group. No registration necessary.  
Georgia Lehman: 330-666-2034

Precious Parents - monthly meetings  
Local group of bereaved parents supporting other parents who have  
experienced miscarriage, stillbirth or early infancy loss  
Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month - 7:30 – 9 pm  
Considine Professional Building  
Open group. No registration necessary.

For bereaved children and families  
Good Mourning Series - 6 sessions per series  
Offered in February, April and October each year  
Tuesday evenings - 6:30 - 8 pm  
Considine Professional Building  
Registration required  
Palliative care center: 330-543-3343

For bereaved grandparents  
Hope for Grandparents - 3 sessions per series  
Offered in March and July each year  
Monday evenings - 5 - 6:30  
Registration required

HEAL Program - monthly meetings  
Grief support program at St. Elizabeth NICU  
Carolyn Fender, LSW and Linda Bombeck, RN  
Contact Carolyn for more details. 330-613-8026

Palliative care center: 330-543-3343

The information for Precious Parents - please add contact information: [preciousparentsakron@gmail.com](mailto:preciousparentsakron@gmail.com)

## **Community family grief support programs**

God's Tiny Angels - monthly meetings

Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support Group

Meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month – 6:30 – 8 pm

Massillon Family YMCA, 131 Tremont Avenue SE, Massillon, OH

For more information call: 330-649-1331

Sophia's Wings - support groups and counseling services

For parents following the death of their baby – miscarriage through neonatal death

Church Hill United Methodist Church, 189 Churchill Hubbard Road, Youngstown, OH 44505

Contact: Deanna Slifka 330-540-4037

Cornerstone of Hope – support groups and counseling services

Grief support for all members of the family and all grief situations

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

5905 Brecksville Road, Independence, OH 44131

216-524-4673

The Grief Care Place – bereaved parent support groups and counseling services

4499 Darrow Road, Stow, OH 44224

Contact: 330-686-1750

Kelly's Grief Center – grief support groups and counseling for bereaved families

135 East Erie Street, Suite 302, Kent, OH 44240

330-593-5959

<http://www.kellysgriefcenter.org/>

SURVIVORS - grief support for those whose loved one died by suicide

Portage Path Behavioral Health Center

340 South Broadway Street, Akron, OH 44308

330-434-1214 Contact: Barbara Medlock

<https://www.portagepath.org/survivors-group>

Akron Children's Hospital Bereavement Coordinator

Our bereavement team will assist families in locating grief support programs and counselors in other Ohio and Pennsylvania communities  
Listing of local grief summer camps for children  
Assist families in securing final arrangements at the most reasonable cost

Hillary's Gown Program – infant gowns for burial

Funeral assistance

Our palliative care team will assist families in answering questions about the process after the death of their child. If requested, calls can be made to several funeral homes to gather information about services and costs involved, as well as information about local cemeteries, memory making options and written resources to support parents, siblings and other family members.

Memorials of Angels

Akron based monument company that will provide free flat headstones for any child under the age of 18 years who is buried in Summit, Portage or Medina county.

Foxfield Preserve

Natural burial in a prairie – Wilmot, Ohio  
<http://www.foxfieldpreserve.org>  
330-763-1331

Christmas Box Angel - in Silver Springs cemetery in Stow, OH

Families can purchase brick stones to remember their child  
<http://www.christmasboxangelofhopestow.org>  
330-689-1089 Contact: Sara Ruble

**National Organizations offering grief support resources for families**

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

Listing of many survivor support groups around the USA  
1-888-333-2377  
National Suicide Hot-Line 1-800-273-8255

Association of Death Education and Counseling

Offers many educational opportunities to those who want to counsel the bereaved - members of organization can access grief providers around the USA

<https://www.adec.org>

612-337-1808

Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep

Volunteer photographers who will provide individual photo session with families after the death of a baby (25 week gestation to 1 yr)

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

Summit County contact: Ginny Tuggle 330-472-8898

Baby 1<sup>st</sup> Network - local SIDS organization providing written literature for families

330-929-0011

421 Graham Road, Suite #H, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221

Bereaved Parents USA

<http://www.bereavedparentsusa.org>

bereaved parents supporting other parents - can find local chapters on their website

845-462-2825 Kathy Corrigan

Centering Corporation

Books available for children, teen and parents about grief

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

402-553-1200

The Dougy Grief Center for Children and Families

<https://www.dougy.org>

A safe place where children, teens, young adults and their families grieving a death can share their experiences. Online grief groups as well as many written resources available

What's Your Grief

<https://www.whatsyourgrief.com/>

Site mission to promote grief education, exploration and expression in both practical and creative ways

New articles every week, blog, and all types of resources

Center for Loss and Life Transition – Alan Wolfelt, PhD

<https://www.centerforloss.com/>

Dr. Wolfelt is a grief counselor, educator and author. Founder of the Center for Loss to offer education and support both to griever and bereavement caregivers. Many grief resources for children, teens and adults.

970-226-6050

Hospice Foundation of America

Professional education opportunities to those interested in end of life care

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

202-457-5811

National Alliance of Grieving Children

Organization that raises awareness about the needs of children and teens who are grieving the death of a loved one, and provides education and resources for anyone who wants to support them

5109 82<sup>nd</sup> Street, Suite 7 #1117, Lubbock, Texas 79424

866-432-1542

<https://childrengrieve.org>

National Child Traumatic Stress Network

Website has many resources for families coping with traumatic grief

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

Parents of Murdered Children

100 East 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite B-41, Cincinnati, OH 45202

888-818-7662

<https://www.pomc.com>

Pregnancy Loss and Infant Death Alliance

<https://plida.org>

promotes excellent evidence based perinatal bereavement care to those who want to provide this care

1-888-705-9261

Resolve Through Sharing

<http://gundersenhealth.org/resolve-through-sharing>

evidence based yet compassionate first approach to bereavement care – training opportunities for those who want to provide this care

608-775-4747

The Compassionate Friends – bereaved parents supporting bereaved parents  
<https://www.compassionatefriends.org/>  
877-969-0010

Local chapters, virtual chapters on line, private Facebook, written literature, weekly web-radio series and links to national grief support nonprofits