

GUIDE TO SUPPORT Pregnancy Birth Trauma

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INTRODUCTION

Like most things in life, you can study and research a subject until you have exhausted every speck of information you can find. But until you actually have the experience yourself, there is no way you can truly understand what it is like.

The experience of pregnancy and birth definitely fits into that category. Then there is also the complexity of each individual pregnancy and birth, the unknown of what it will be like for you.

Comparisons to other pregnancies will not accurately predict how the experience will be for you, though reading up on the subject can give you an overall knowledge of what has happened to others so you can be prepared for your personal experience.

When things go wrong, even the most extroverted among us may feel such disappointment and inadequacy that we may withdraw in our sadness and guilt, rather than sharing with those we love. We can feel like we have not only failed ourselves, but that we have also let our partner and family down.

This is the most important time to seek support. Often, because the subject of pregnancy and infant loss is still considered taboo in many cultures, you may not know anyone else who has been through a similar experience. The important thing is to know that you are not alone and that there are people and resources to help you navigate this difficult time.

In the following pages you will find a comprehensive directory of support organisations who specialise in helping women and their families through Introduction

all types of issues around pregnancy and birth. There are groups that specifically help you to cope with early miscarriage, still birth, infant loss, premature and sick babies. You'll also find organisations who can assist you with newborn challenges such as breastfeeding and settling.

These groups can not only provide a wealth of information, they can also connect you to other women who have been through similar situations as those you are experiencing. For me personally, and many of the people I have talked to, connecting with someone who has walked the same road brings a special bond of shared experiences.

One place you can connect to others who have been where you are, is the Bright Butterfly Shared Stories Forum. Here's the link to join our community: Shared Stories Forum

We have everything you need to comfort your body, mind and soul with books and resources, uplifting art quotes and homewares, plus a soothing range of Artisan handmade gifts including candles, healing stone bracelets and hand knitted blankets. You can find out more here: Bright Butterfly.

If you or someone you know is dealing with any pregnancy, loss or birth challenges, please browse through the lists in this book and feel supported to reach out to these organisations. You'll be glad that you did.



AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

Action to Improve Maternity

Supporting families and preventing tragedies. Counselling via telephone, email or in person.

Web: www.aim.org.nz

Angel Casts

Creators of tangible keepsakes for bereaved parents in the form of ink prints and hand and feet stone casts.

Web: www.angelcasts.co.nz

Australasian Birth Trauma Association (ABTA)

Established in 2016 to support women and their families who are suffering postnatally from physical and/or psychological trauma resulting from the birth process as well as the education and support for the range of health professionals who work with prenatal and postnatal women.

Web: www.birthtrauma.org.au

Australian Breastfeeding Association

Resources to help you with breastfeeding and early motherhood. Access to breastfeeding education classes, counselling, the helpline and local support groups.

Web: www.breastfeeding.asn.au

Australian Multiple Birth Association

To enable positive health outcomes, awareness and equality for multiple birth families through advocacy, education and community.

Web: www.amba.org.au

Australian Psychological Society

Pregnancy support counselling. Information and access to Medicarefunded psychological services under the Pregnancy Support Counselling Medicare Scheme.

Web: www.physchology.org.au

The Babes Project

Helping families thrive by creating safe spaces and innovative avenues for vulnerable women to access vital perinatal support.

Web: www.thebabesproject.com.au

Baby Center

The world's number one digital parenting resource with information and support that reaches more than 100 million people monthly.

Web: www.babycenter.com.au

Babyology

An Australian parenting site that provides a supportive and trusted community for over one million parents and parents-to-be. Web: www.babyology.com.au

Bears of Hope

Providing leading support and exceptional care for families who experience the loss of their baby with support packs, support groups, workshops and counselling.

Web: www.bearsofhope.org.au

Better Health Victoria

Pregnancy support and resources for pregnant women in Victoria. Web: www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/servicesandsupport/having-a-baby-in-Victoria

Beyond Blue

Advice and support for new and expectant parents, covering everything from bonding with your baby to anxiety and depression.

Web: www.beyondblue.org.au/pregnancy-and-new-parents

Black Dog Institute

A not-for-profit facility for diagnosis, treatment and prevention of mood disorders such as depression anxiety and bipolar disorder.

Web: www.blackdoginstitute.org.au

Birthline Pregnancy Support

Counselling services, maternal assistance and no-cost resources to help you with crisis accommodation, education programs, pregnancy mentoring and antenatal care.

Phone: 1300 655 156 Web: www.birthline.org.au

Bounty

A parenting community with articles, product guides, expert advice,

product reviews and bounty bags. Web: www.bountyparents.com.au

Brave Foundation

Support for parents to ensure they are connected to help and educational opportunities in their local communities.

Web: www.bravefoundation.org.au

Bub Hub

The Bub Hub is dedicated to helping you find the information and local services you need to bring calm and success to your fertility, pregnancy and parenting journey.

Web: www.bubhub.com.au

The Bump

Expert pregnancy and parenting advice. Includes pregnancy symptoms directory and connection to forums.

Web: www.thebump.com

Catholic Care (Catholic Family Services)

Helping Sydney families with relationships, parenting, aging, disabilities, addictions and mental health concerns.

Web: www.catholiccare.org

Centacare (Catholic Community Services)

Pregnancy support including accommodation and counselling.

Web: www.centacare.org.au

The Centre for Perinatal Health and Parenting

Services to support you physically and mentally through pregnancy, birth, and parenting.

Web: www.perinatalhealth.com.au

Centre of Perinatal Excellence (COPE)

Providing support for the emotional challenges of becoming a parent.

Devoted to reducing the impacts of emotional and mental health problems in the prenatal and postnatal periods.

Web: www.cope.org.au

Continence Foundation of Australia

Helpline, app and pregnancy guide to assist with incontinence, prolapse, pelvic floor and sexuality.

Web: www.continence.org.au/pages/pregnancy.html

Earth Shine Village

Treatments for menstrual wellness, fertility support, pregnancy nurturing and postnatal healing. Arvigo® Therapy, Womb and Fertility Massage Therapy and Pregnancy Massage by Jess.

Web: www.earthshinevillage.com.au

Essential Baby

Articles, information and resources on fertility, pregnancy, birth and baby development.

Web: www.essentialbaby.com.au

Focus on the Family

Provides a wide range of programs and resources to support and help families thrive at every stage of life.

Web: www.families.org.au

Feel the Magic

A not-for-profit organisation creating a world where children who are experiencing grief are supported to reach their full potential.

Web: www.feelthemagic.org.au

Genesis Pregnancy Support

Counselling, resources, emotional support, education and encouragement for young mums and mums-to-be.

Web: www.genesispregnancysupport.org.au

Gidget Foundation Australia

A not for profit organisation supporting the emotional wellbeing of expectant and new parents to ensure that those in need receive timely, appropriate and supportive care.

Web: www.gidgetfoundation.org.au

Grieve Out Loud

Helping families find their way back to life after pregnancy and infant loss. Web: www.grieveoutloud.org

Having a Baby in Canberra

Brought to you by the Women's Centre for Health Matters (WCHM), a community-based non-profit organisation which works in the ACT and surrounding region. Information and resources to assist if you are having a baby in the ACT.

Web: www.havingababyincanberra.org.au

Health Direct

A government-funded service providing quality, approved health information and advice.

Web: www.healthdirect.gov.au

Hearts and Minds

Miscarriage support for families in Auckland, New Zealand. Empathy, emotional and psychological peer support.

Web: www.heartsandminds.org.nz

A Heartbreaking Choice

Supports families who have made the heartbreaking choice to terminate a much-wanted pregnancy.

Web: www.aheartbreakingchoice.com

Heartfelt Photography

A volunteer organisation of professional photographers from all over Australia and New Zealand dedicated to the gift of photographic memories to families that have experienced stillbirths, premature births or have children with serious and terminal illnesses.

Phone: 1800 583 768 (Australia) Phone: 0800 583 768 (New Zealand)

Web: www.heartfelt.org.au

Homebirth Australia

The peak national body for homebirth in Australia. A group of consumers, midwives, and related health professionals committed to ensuring the survival of homebirth as a birth option for Australian women. Web: www.homebirthaustralia.org

Honestly

Good, clean fun skincare. Traditional aromatherapy with scientific research to create natural skincare that is safe and really works. Crafted by hand in Australia, Honestly products combine essential oils and minimal ingredients for maximum benefit.

Web: www.honestlystore.com.au

Hope House

A caring and compassionate support team for women, their partners and families when experiencing distress or hardship as a result of an unplanned pregnancy or pregnancy loss.

Web: www.hopehouse.com.au

Hyperemesis Gravidarum Australia

Supporting women suffering from nausea and vomiting in pregnancy (NVP) and hyperemesis gravidarum (HG).

Web: www.hyperemesisaustralia.org.au

Jean Hailes

Delivering the latest scientific and medical evidence to create positive change for women's health. Includes everything from fertility and pregnancy to mental health and more.

Web: www.jeanhailes.org.au

Karitane

Providing accessible, evidence-based services that support families to parent confidently. Information and resources for parents' wellbeing and the care of their new baby.

Web: www.karitane.com.au

Kiddipedia

Top tips, recipes and expert advice. Parenting blogs for every parent to achieve their life goals and to nurture their children.

Web: www.kiddipedia.com.au

Kids First

Educational family and support services to help children and families overcome trauma.

Web: www.kidsfirstaustralia.org.au

Kidspot

Information and advice to help mums and dads through every stage from pregnancy to parenting teens.

Web: www.kidspot.com.au

Kiwi Families

Website, email, bulletin-board, phone and pamphlet support and information for New Zealanders.

Web: www.kiwifamilies.co.nz

Life's Little Treasures Foundation

Support and friendship for families of premature or sick babies. The Foundation's services are available in hospitals (neonatal and special care units) and in the community when families come home.

Web: www.lifeslittletreasures.org.au

The Lost Ones

A New Zealand site dedicated to the ones lost through miscarriage, stillbirth or SIDS and to the ones they leave behind.

Web: www.thelostones.co.nz

Made With Love—Murrum

Provides a little comfort to families experiencing the loss of a baby. Provides packs to families, funeral homes and hospitals with clothes, blankets and keepsakes.

Web: www.facebook.com/helpingcreatealittlecomfort/

Mamamia

A media company with the purpose of making a better place for women and girls. An online lifestyle hub for women's news and opinions across many subjects.

Web: www.mamamia.com.au

Maternity Choices

A national consumer advocacy organisation committed to the advancement of best-practice maternity care for all Australian families.

Web: www.maternitychoices.org.au

Memories of an Angel

A social enterprise to raise awareness for pregnancy and infant loss through the distribution of keepsakes to be reaved families.

Web: www.memoriesofanangel.com.au

Miracle Babies Foundation

Supporters of premature and sick newborns, their families and the hospitals that care for them.

Web: www.miraclebabies.org.au

Miscarriage Support

Information and support to women and families throughout New Zealand who grieve for the loss of their babies.

Web: www.miscarriagesupport.org.nz

Mummylink Young Mums Support Groups

A friendship group connecting young, isolated, lonely and unsupported mums aged 25 and younger who have a child under three years old.

Phone:08 8352 4044

Email: genesispregnancysupport@msn.com

Mum Central

Premier lifestyle hub for women, parenting, lifestyle, beauty, fashion, food and travel.

Web: www.mumcentral.com.au

Mum's Grapevine

A parenting website for new mums. Handy tips and tricks to make your parenting life better plus the best Australian and New Zealand baby products.

Web: www.mumsgrapevine.com.au

MumSpace

Support for the mental health and emotional wellbeing of pregnant women, new mums and their families.

Web: www.mumspace.com.au

National Association for Loss and Grief (NSW)

A leading provider of support and education for communities, families and individuals impacted by loss, grief and trauma.

Web: www.nalag.org.au

National Diabetes Services Scheme (NDSS)

Pregnancy support and resources to support women with diabetes before, during and after pregnancy.

Web: www.ndss.com.au

National Pregnancy Support Helpline

Free 24/7 helpline for women, their partners and families throughout Australia. Telephone support for pregnant women and new parents who have a baby up to 12 months of age.

Phone:1800 882 436

National Women's Health

Comprehensive information on fertility, pregnancy and birth presented by the Auckland District Health Board in New Zealand.

Web: www.nationalwomenshealth.adhb.govt.nz

The Neonatal Trust

Supporting families of premature or sick full-term babies as they make their journey through neonatal care, the transition home and onwards. Web: www.neonataltrust.org.nz

Newborn Baby

Articles and information on every aspect of pregnancy and birth from conception to newborn.

Web: www.newbornbaby.com.au

New Zealand College of Midwives

Information on pregnancy, preparing for baby, labour and birth and postnatal care.

Web: www.midwife.org.nz

Ngala

A community-based organisation that has been helping Western Australian families for more than 130 years, working to enhance the wellbeing and development of children and young adults.

Web: www.ngala.com.au

Northern Territory Pregnancy, Birthing and Child Health

Services and resources for pregnant women and parents in the Northern Territory.

Web: www.ntgov.au/pregnancy-birthing-and-child-health

Office of Women's Health (ONH)

With a vision to help all women and girls achieve the best possible health, this website offers extensive information on all aspects of reproductive health.

Web: www.womenshealth.gov

Parenting Ideas

Resources for parents to help people successfully raise confident, happy and resilient kids.

Web: www.parentingideas.com.au

Parentline

Free counselling and support for parents in Queensland and the Northern Territory.

Web: www.parentline.com.au

Parents-Guide Illawarra

Online information regarding local services and events relevant to parents

of babies, toddlers and school-aged children right up to tweens and teens in the Illawarra.

Web:www.parents-guide.com.au

Parent-Infant Research Institute (PIRI)

Information to help you understand postnatal depression and anxiety. Web: www.piri.org.au

The Perinatal Loss Centre

Resources for anyone affected by pregnancy or infant loss.

Web: www.theperinatallosscentre.com.au

Pillars of Strength

Helping men in their grief loss after losing a child at birth or at any time, through creating new communities and networks and events for bereaved dads.

Web: www.pillarsofstrength.com.au

Pink Elephants Support Network

Miscarriage support with trusted information, emotional support resources and peer support program.

Web: www.miscarriagesupport.org.au

Post and Antenatal Depression Association (PANDA)

Support for individuals and families to recover from perinatal anxiety and depression.

Web:www.panda.org.au

Pregnancy Birth & Baby

Advice on pregnancy and parenting. Supporting parents on the journey from pregnancy to preschool.

Web: www.pregnancybirthbaby.org

Pregnancy, Birth and Baby Helpline

Free, confidential information and counselling for women, their partners and families relating to issues of conception, pregnancy, birthing and postnatal care.

Web: www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/phd-pregnancy-helpline

Pregnancy Birth & Beyond (PBB)

A public health information website providing an extensive source of well-known and up-to-date information and support throughout pregnancy, birth and parenting.

Web: www.pregnancy.com.au

Pregnancy Counselling Link (PCL)

A community agency staffed by professional counsellors. Supports women on issues affecting them in the area of pregnancy, parenting, relationships, navigating life changes, fertility issues and loss and grief. Also supports partners and other family members.

Phone: 1800 777 690 Web: www.pcl.org.au

Pregnancy Counselling Services

Counselling services for New Zealanders involved with a worrying pregnancy. Face-to-face and phone support offered.

Web: www.pregnancycounselling.org.nz

Pregnancy Help Australia

Connects you with a judgement free community who can answer your questions and give you the support and encouragement you need if you are challenged by pregnancy or pregnancy loss. Offers 24/7 helpline, face to face counselling and text chat. Free of charge and confidential.

Helpline: 1300 139 313

Web: www.pregnancyhelpaustralia.org.au

Pregnancy Loss Australia

Support and guidance for miscarriage. Web: www.pregnancylossaustralia.org.au

Queensland Pregnancy and Family Planning

Information and resources for pregnant and new mums in Queensland. Web: www.qld.gov.au/health/children/pregnancy

Radiant

A social enterprise of Relationships Australia NSW to help you find a mental health professional that suits you. Guides you in asking the right questions when looking for professional help and connects you to the right professional.

Web: www.myradiant.com.au

Raising Children

Provides parenting videos, articles and apps backed by Australian experts. Advice on pregnancy and children from newborn to adults.

Web: www.raisingchildren.net.au

Red Nose Grief and Loss

Formerly SIDS and Kids, this organisation has over 40 years' experience supporting grieving individuals and families after the death of a child. Offers a comprehensive support library and 24/7 professional help. Web: www.rednosegriefandloss.org.au

Relationships NSW

Offers resources and counselling to talk about any family issues. Web: www.relationshipsnsw.org.au/support-services

Remembrance Photography

New Zealand photography of stillborn and terminally ill babies to help parents remember.

Web: www.remembrancephotography.org

Remember Me - Illawarra Baby and Child Loss Community

A support group for parents who have experienced pregnancy loss, still birth and neonatal death.

Web:www.facebook.com/remembermeillawarra

Sands

A volunteer-based organisation providing individualised care from one bereaved parent to another, giving support and hope for the future, following the death of a baby. Provides miscarriage, still-birth and newborn death support.

Web: Australia: www.sands.org.au New Zealand: www.sands.org.nz

Services Australia

Payments and services to help when you have a baby. Web: www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/subjects/having-baby

Starting Blocks

Information and tips for early childhood education and care.

Web: www.startingblocks.gov.au

Stillbirth Foundation

Dedicated to research and education to prevent stillbirth.

Web: www.stillbirthfoundation.com.au

Tresillian

Australia's largest early parenting service offering professional advice, education and guidance to families with a baby, toddler or pre-schooler. Tresillian has helped generations of parents over the last 100 years providing reassurance and support with settling babies, sleep difficulties, feeding, multiple babies, toddler behaviour and parental emotional and psychological wellbeing.

Phone: 1300 272 736 Web: www.tresillian.org.au

Twins Research Australia

Twin-specific support and services, including psychologist and mental health advice, telephone services, online community groups and more.

Web: www.twins.org.au

Twin Loss NZ

Supporting families who experience twin loss.

Web: www.twinlossnz.wordpress.com

VeryWell Family

A modern resource that offers a realistic and friendly approach to pregnancy and parenting. More than 5,000 pieces of content created and refined over the past 20 plus years.

Web: www.verywellfamily.com

Young Pregnant and Parenting Network

A mission to help pregnant young women make free and informed choices about their future. Helping young parents to build great futures for themselves and their children.

Web: www.youngpregnantandparenting.org.au

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Action on Postpartum Psychosis (APP)

A peer support network helping women and families affected by postpartum psychosis feel understood, supported and less isolated. Web: www.app-network.org

All About Fertility

Articles, webinars and videos created by doctors, scientists and consultants in the fertility field. Includes a support forum for men.

Web: www.all-about-fertility.com

A Lust for Life

Multi-award winning Irish mental health charity based in Ireland with content, resources and tools to empower people to cope with life's challenges and improve mental health.

Web: www.alustforlife.com

Antenatal Results and Choices (ARC)

To provide parents with information and support through antenatal testing and its consequences and to help them make choices based on their individual circumstances.

Web: www.arc-uk.org

Association for Improvements in Maternity Services (AIMS)

Providing information and support to women and their families to achieve the birth that they want through a helpline and sharing information to pregnant people and health carers. Web: www.aims.org.uk

Association for Postnatal Illness

Offers support and information for women suffering with postnatal illness with a network of volunteers who have themselves been affected.

Web: www.apni.org

Best Beginnings

Helping vulnerable families in the UK. Creators of the award-winning Baby Buddy App, an interactive pregnancy and parenting guide.

Web: www.bestbeginnings.org.uk

Bliss

A vision to provide every baby born premature or sick in the UK with the best chance of survival and quality of life.

Web: www.bliss.org.uk

Birth Companions

Supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged pregnant women through pregnancy and birth.

Web: www.birthcompanions.org.uk

The Birth Trauma Association (BTA)

A charity that supports women who have suffered a traumatic birth experience.

Web: www.birthtraumaassociation.org.uk

British Infertility Counselling Association (BICA)

A place to find a specialist infertility counsellor.

Web: www.bica.net

Chana

Supports couples in the Jewish community who may feel isolated and need medical information to help them deal with the challenge of infertility. Web: www.chana.org.uk

Child Bereavement UK

Supports families when a baby or child of any age dies or is dying, or when a child is facing bereavement.

Web: www.childbereavementuk.org

The Child Death Helpline

Provides support to anyone affected by the death of a child of any age from pre-birth to adult, under any circumstances, however recent or long ago.

Web: www.childdeathhelpline.org.uk

Childline

Information and helpline for anything related to children.

Web: www.childline.org.uk

The Compassionate Friends

Understanding, support and comfort to be reaved siblings and parents after the death of a child in Ireland.

Web: www.tcf.org.uk

Counselling Directory

A directory to find a local counsellor to fit your needs in the UK.

Web: www.counselling-directory.org.uk

Doula UK

Comprehensive information on doulas and how they can support women through pregnancy, birth and the postnatal period. Access to more than 700 doulas in the UK, Ireland and the Channel Islands.

Web: www.doula.org.uk

Endometriosis UK

Reliable information and support for women affected by endometriosis.

Web: www.endometriosis-uk.org

The Ectopic Pregnancy Trust

Supporting people who have experienced an early pregnancy complication and the health care professionals who care for them.

Web: www.ectopic.org.uk

Emma's Diary

Pregnancy app with gift packs, vouchers, deals and discounts.

Web: www.emmasdiary.co.uk

European Foundation for the care of Newborn Infants (EFCNI)

Dedicated to improving the situation of mothers and newborn infants in Europe. Includes preconception and maternal care, treatment and care of children, follow-up and continuing care of pre-term infants and ill newborns.

Web: www.efcni.org

Family Lives

Advice and support for every stage of your child from pregnancy to teens. Connect to other parents via their online forum or call their confidential helpline.

Web: www.familylives.org.uk

Fertility Friends

A community of members at every stage of their journey from infertility, adoption, parenting after infertility and moving on.

Web: www.fertilityfriends.co.uk

Fertility Network UK

A national charity for anyone who has ever experienced fertility problems. Web: www.fertilitynetworkuk.org

Good Shepherd

Child and family services for pregnant women and new parents.

Web: www.goodshepherdstl.org

House of Light

Support and counselling for antenatal and postnatal depression and anxiety. Helpline, therapists and support for dads.

Web: www.pndsupport.co.uk

Kicks Count

A pregnancy information guide for expectant mums and dads focussing on baby movement monitoring and a range of support options.

Web: www.kickscount.org.au

Life Charity

Help for pregnancy-related problems. Call, text and messaging services. Web: www.lifecharity.org.uk

March of Dimes

Supporting mothers throughout their pregnancy. Tools and resources to assist conception, pregnancy, birth and postnatal care.

Web: www.marchofdimes.org

Maternity Action

Committed to ending inequality and improving the health and wellbeing of pregnant women, partners and young children from conception through to the child's early years.

Web: www.maternityaction.org.uk

The Miscarriage Association

The knowledge to help those affected by miscarriage.

Web: www.miscarriageassociation.org.uk

Miscarriage Support

Providing counselling and support services to women and couples of Scotland who have suffered miscarriage, stillbirth or neonatal loss. Web: www.miscarriagesupport.org.uk

Mother to Baby

Friendly, expert information about medication and more during pregnancy and breastfeeding.

Web: www.mothertobaby.org

The Multiple Births Foundation

A national and international authority on multiple births. Employs healthcare professionals dedicated to supporting multiple birth families and educating and advising professionals about their special needs. Web: www.multiplebirths.org.uk

My Baby Manual

Your expert companion on the health, wellbeing and upbringing of your child before, during and after pregnancy.

Web: www.mybabymanual.co.uk

National Health Service (NHS)

Your pregnancy and baby guide. Discover everything you need to know about pregnancy, labour and birth and your newborn baby.

Web: www.nhs.uk/conditions/pregnancy-and-birth/

New Parent Support (NCT)

Focussed on providing information, support and connection for parents-tobe and the first 1,000 days of a newborn's life.

Web: www.nct.org.uk

Pandas Foundation

A support group network for men whose wives or partners are suffering from prenatal or postnatal depression.

Web: www.pandasfoundation.org.uk

Parents 1st

A space to find, connect and collaborate with parents, expectant parents, practitioners and volunteers in Essex.

Web: www.parents1st.org.uk

Pelvic Partnership

Supporting women with pregnancy related pelvic girdle pain (PGP). Enabling women to access the right treatment.

Web: www.pelvicpartnership.org.uk

Positive Birth Movement

A global network of antenatal groups. Connecting pregnant women together to share stories, expertise and positivity about birth.

Web: www.positivebirthmovement.org

Pregnancy and Parents Centre

A friendly and welcoming not-for-profit organisation that works with parents-to-be and families in Edinburgh.

Web: www.pregnancyandparents.org.uk

Pregnancy Sickness Support

Information and resources for women with hyperemesis gravidarum.

Web: www.pregnancysickness support.org.uk

Sands

Stillbirth & neonatal death charity working to reduce the number of babies dying and to improve care and support for anyone affected by the death of a baby.

Web: www.sands.org.uk

Tiny Tickers

Improving the early detection and care of babies with serious heart conditions.

Web: www.tinytickers.org

Tommy's

Information and support to empower parents during pregnancy. Evidence-based, expert and user-led information to help expectant parents in understanding what they can do to support a safe and healthy pregnancy. Web: www.tommys.org

Turn2Us

Assistance to couples expecting a child with benefits, grants or other financial support.

Web: www.turn.2.us.org.uk

Twins Trust

Support and resources for multiple births from pregnancy onwards. Information and community forum.

Web: www.twinstrust.org

UK Government

Information about maternity and paternity leave, registering births, childcare, schools and education, fostering, adoption and surrogacy. Web: www.gov.uk/browse/childcare-parenting/pregnancy-birth

Verity

A self-help group for women with polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS). Established to share the truth and improve the lives of women living with PCOS.

Web: www.verity-pcos.orgb.uk

Winston's Wish

Practical services and guidance for bereaved families.

Web: www.winstonswish.org.uk

UNITED STATES AND CANADA

Abigail's Hope

Blessing families through pregnancy and infant loss.

Web: www.abigailshope.net

A Heartbreaking Choice

Support for those who have terminated a much-wanted pregnancy.

Web: www.aheartbreakingchoice.com

American Pregnancy Association

Resources and helpline for everything from fertility to pregnancy wellness.

Web: www.americanpregnancy.org

Angel Names Association

A non-profit organisation that eases the financial burden imposed by stillbirth. Services for families enduring the trauma of stillbirth.

Web: www.angelnames.org

Angel Whispers Baby Loss Support Program

A non-denominational service for parents who have lost a baby shortly after birth, or during pregnancy, through miscarriage, molar or ectopic pregnancy or stillbirth.

Web: www.angelwhipsers.ca

Association for Pelvic Organ Prolapse Support (APOPS)

A non-profit advocacy agency with global arms, founded in September 2010 to generate awareness of pelvic organ prolapse (POP), to provide

support and guidance to women navigating the physical, emotional, social, sexual, fitness and employment quality of life impact of POP.

Web: www.pelvicorganprolapsesupport.org

Babycenter

Answers, tips and information to guide you on the pregnancy journey. Web: www.babycenter.ca

Bereaved Parents USA

A safe place where grieving parents can connect, share stories and find what they need to rebuild their lives.

Web: www.bereavedparentsusa.org

Birthright International

Based in Canada, Birthright is a safe place to get the information and friendly support to create the right birth plan for each person's pregnancy. Web: www.birthright.org

Birthwaves

A non-profit organisation that provides doula services to families to experience pregnancy and infant losses.

Web: www.birthwaves.org

Centre for Grief & Healing

Fostering hope and healing for people grieving the loss of a loved one. Peer support and resources.

Web: www.bereavedfamilies.ca

Centre for Reproductive Loss

Professional support services to support the healing of the mind, body and spirit through a holistic approach.

Web: www.crl-rho.org

Childbirth Connection

Information, tools and resources to become an active member of your maternity care team.

Web: www.childbirthconnection.org

Faces of Loss, Faces of Hope

Putting a face on miscarriage, stillbirth and infant loss. Share stories with others who may be looking for reassurance that they are not alone.

Web: www.facesofloss.com

Family Education

Content on everything from choosing baby names, pregnancy, babies and parenting needs to help parents to make the most informed decisions possible.

Web: www.familyeducation.com

First Candle

Committed to ending Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and other sleep-related infant deaths while providing bereavement support to families who have experienced a loss.

Web: www.firstcandle.org

Government of Canada

Pregnancy and baby resources including nutrition, maternity and parental leave, security and benefits.

Web: www.canada.ca

Hand

Helping parents, their families and healthcare providers to cope with the loss of a baby before, during or after birth.

Web: www.handonline.org

Healthy Children

Site powered by the American Academy of Paediatrics. Offers English and Spanish information on a wide range of topics including child development, nutrition, immunisations, mental health and more.

Web: www.healthychildren.org

H.E.A.R.T.S.

Baby loss support program helping empty arms recover through sharing. Compassionate care for grieving Families.

Web: www.heartsbabyloss.ca

Hope Xchange

Shining light on pregnancy loss and grief. Resources to help those coping with miscarriage, stillbirth or infant death.

Web: www.hopexchange.com

International Stillbirth Alliance

Connecting people around the world to prevent stillbirth and newborn death and supporting affected families. A membership organisation uniting bereaved parents and other family members, health professionals and researches to drive global change for the prevention of stillbirth and neonatal death.

Web: www.stillbirthalliance.org

Infants Remembered in Silence (IRIS)

Dedicated to offering support, education and resources to parents, families and friends and professionals on the death of a child in early pregnancy or after birth.

Web: www.irisremembers.com

KellyMom

A website developed to provide evidence-based information on breastfeeding and parenting.

Web: www.kellymom.com

Korie and Kacie

A mission to assist families who have experienced child loss in practical ways including medical bills and funeral funeral arrangements, living expenses, care packages and access to online support groups.

Web: www.korieandkacie.org

Miss Foundation

A community of compassion and hope for grieving families. Providing counselling, advocacy, research and education services to families experiencing the death of a child.

Web: www.missfoundation.org

The Mothers Program

Resources, information and apps for Canadian women before and during pregnancy and after birth.

Web: www.themothersprogram.ca

Multiple Births Canada

A community of families, educators, researchers and health professionals in Canada with a personal or professional interested in the well-being of multiple birth children and those who care for them.

Web: www.multiplebirths.ca

My Miscarriage Matters

A web-based community offering support to the survivors of miscarriage, stillbirth and early infant loss. Connection to peers for tailored guidance. Web: www.mymiscarriagematters.org

Nationalshare

A community for anyone who experiences the tragic death of a baby. For parents, grandparents, siblings, family and the healthcare professionals who care for grieving families.

Web: www.nationalshare.org

Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep (NILMDTS)

Offering families experiencing the death of a baby the healing power of remembrance. Volunteer photographers provide the free gift of professional portraiture.

Web: www.nowilaymedowntosleep.org

October 15

A site created by bereaved parents. An event directory to showcase the fantastic initiatives that happen every year across Canada to support bereaved families and remember their babies who died.

Web: www.october15.ca

Open to Hope

Resources, stories and community for those who have lost a child.

Web: www.opentohope.com

Orphan Parents

Helping parents experiencing perinatal grief to get through the difficult ordeal. A French language site based in Quebec.

Web: www.parentsorphelins.org

Our Little Angels in Paradise

An online, French-language discussion forum for parents who have lost a child. Offers access to additional French-language resources.

Web: www.nospetitsangesauparadis.com

PANDAS Foundation

Advising and supporting parents and their networks affected by perinatal mental illness. Free helpline, email support and Facebook groups.

Web: www.pandasfoundation.org.uk

Parents

Created to help mums and dads raise happy and healthy kids.

Web: www.parents.com

Parents Canada

Find out everything you need to know about expecting a baby and beyond. Web: www.parentscanada.com

Postpartum Support International (PSI)

Support, education, advocacy and research for people affected by depression and anxiety during pregnancy and after birth. Web:www.postpartum.net

Pregnancy After Loss Support (PALS)

Online support groups and in-person meet-ups to support you through trying to conceive, pregnancy and parenting after loss.

Web: www.pregnancyafterlosssupport.org

Pregnancy and Infant Loss Network

Dedicated to improving bereavement care and providing support to families who have suffered the loss of pregnancy or the death of their baby/babies.

Web: www.pailnetwork.sunnybrook.ca

Pregnancy After Loss Support (PALS)

Non-profit organisation and community support resource for women experiencing the confusing and conflicting emotions of grief mixed with joy during the journey through pregnancy after loss.

Web: www.pregnancyafterlosssupport.org

Pregnancy Loss Support Program (PLSP)

Free counselling and support for parents who have experienced miscarriage, stillbirth, newborn death or termination for foetal anomalies as well as women who are pregnant following a loss.

Web: www.pregnancyloss.org

Project Sweet Peas

Empowering and supporting families of fragile infants. Inspiring hope through remembrance for those affected by pregnancy and infant loss. Web: www.projectsweetpeas.com

Remembering Our Babies

Support, education and awareness for those who are suffering or may know someone who has suffered a miscarriage, an ectopic pregnancy, a stillbirth or the loss of an infant.

Web: www.october15.com

Return to Zero: H.O.P.E

A community of bereaved families and their health providers who are transforming the culture of pregnancy and infant loss through awareness, education and support.

Web: www.rtzhope.org

Sidelines

Materials, resources and trained volunteers to assist women and families involved with a high-risk pregnancy.

Web: www.sidelines.org

The Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada

Extensive information on pregnancy, birth and postpartum.

Web: www.pregnancyinfo.ca

Spinning Babies

Videos and information to improved foetal position (breech, transverse, posterior) and birth to reduce the chance of a caesarean.

Web: www.spinningbabies.com

Star Legacy Foundation

Dedicated to reducing pregnancy loss and neonatal death and improving care for families who experience such tragedies. Involved in stillbirth research, education and awareness.

Web: www.starlegacyfoundation.org

Still Birthday

Providing support for those affected by miscarriage.

Web: www.stillbirthday.com

Still Standing Magazine

An online magazine for all who are grieving child loss and infertility.

Web: www.stillstandingmag.com

SUDC Foundation

Promotes awareness, advocates for research and supports those affected by sudden unexpected or unexplained death in childhood.

Web: www.sudc.org

Supporting Mamas

A peer-run non-profit organisation who mission is to provide information, resources, support and hope to women and families coping with pregnancy and postpartum anxiety and mood disorders.

Web: www.supportingmamas.org

Through the Heart

A key resource for those experiencing pregnancy loss. A comfort kit program and connection to resources.

Web: www.throughtheheart.org

Tiny Hands of Hope

Founded by a small group of people whose lives have been touched by the loss of a child. Dedicated to helping families who have suffered from all types of infant loss.

Web: www.timyhandsofhope.ca

Today's Parent

Canada's leading source for parenting content that informs, inspires and builds a sense of community.

Web: www.todaysparent.com

WebMD

A great range of information about caring for your baby, including development, nutrition, breastfeeding, bottle feeding and sleep. Web: www.webmd.com/parenting/baby

What to Expect

Based on the best-selling book series, "What to Expect," this is an independent pregnancy and parenting site providing expert, authoritative and trustworthy evidence-based information on pregnancy and birth. Web: www.whattoexpect.com

Yoga for Grief Support

Designed for individuals grieving from the death of a loved one in Edmonton, Alberta.

Web: www.yogaforgriefsupport.com

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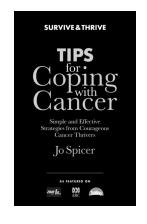
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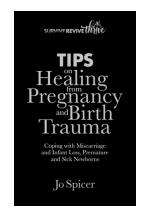
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