

Part 1 - PERINATAL BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAMS

**MANHATTAN**

**SIDS**

**Sudden Infant Bereavement Support Group of New York City**  
47 Barrow Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room (English speaking only)  
Held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month (excluding July and August)  
212-946-5052 Jennifer A. Neely, LCSW  
Website: [www.sidsnyc.com](http://www.sidsnyc.com)

Sudden Infant Death services  
**Sudden Infant Death Risk Reduction and Counseling**  
**A Program of Public Health Solutions**  
**NYC Satellite Office of the NYS Center for SIDS**  
520 First Ave. Ste. 117  
New York, NY 10016-6499  
Peggy Regensburg, Ph.D., LMSW, CASAC  
Program Manager  
212 447-2328 Phone  
212 447-6153 Fax  
[PREngensburg@healthsolutions.org](mailto:PREngensburg@healthsolutions.org)  
[www.healthsolutions.org](http://www.healthsolutions.org)  
Groups in English and Spanish

**Sibling support groups** (all ages):  
Robin F. Goodman, Ph.D., A.T.R.-BC, Director  
**A Caring Hand, The Billy Esposito Foundation**  
Bereavement Program  
P O Box 1232 NY, NY 10276  
212-229-CARE (2273)  
[www.acaringhand.org](http://www.acaringhand.org)

**NATIONWIDE:**

**First Candle** – [www.firstcandle.org](http://www.firstcandle.org)

**CJ Foundation** – [www.cjsids.org](http://www.cjsids.org)

**National Council of Jewish Women**  
212.687.5030 ext. 28 Hanna Golden (telephone support available at no cost)  
[www.ncjwny.org](http://www.ncjwny.org)

## **NEONATAL DEATH / STILLBIRTH**

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#### **JBFCS (recommended)**

The Rita J. Kaplan Jewish Connections Programs, JBFCS  
Jewish Bereavement Support Program  
120 West 57th Street 6th Floor  
New York, NY 10019  
[www.shiraruskay.org](http://www.shiraruskay.org)  
[www.nyjhc.org](http://www.nyjhc.org)

Kristen Smith – is the administrative coordinator of the groups. Her number is 212.632.4689. Email: [krsmith@jbfc.org](mailto:krsmith@jbfc.org). Please make referrals to Kristen.  
Barbara Goldstein, LCSW is overseeing the bereavement group program. Her number is 212.632.4722. Email: [bgoldstein@jbfc.org](mailto:bgoldstein@jbfc.org).

#### **National Council of Jewish Women**

820 2nd. Ave. NY NY 10017  
212.687.5030 ext. 28 Hanna Golden  
[www.ncjwny.org](http://www.ncjwny.org)  
Pregnancy loss support groups at 241 West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street btwn. Broadway and West End (\$100 for 6 sessions per person or \$150 per couple with need based assistance available)

#### **Compassionate Friends (child loss only)**

group that meets at Marble Collegiate Church on 2nd & 4th Tuesday.  
Contact:  
Dorothy Jordan was the coordinator  
(212) 254-9034

#### **Hospice Care Network**

Assistant Vice President for Counseling Services  
Director of the Pediatric and Perinatal Programs  
Mary Gravina, LCSW  
Phone: 631-666-6863  
Email: [mgravina@hospicecarenetwork.org](mailto:mgravina@hospicecarenetwork.org)

Perinatal bereavement (English and Spanish)

#### **Mt. Sinai**

Pregnancy loss at any point  
Caurie Chameides, Coordinator  
212-241-4685  
[Rosa.cardenas@mountsinai.org](mailto:Rosa.cardenas@mountsinai.org)

**St. Vincent de Paul** - provides a free group burial and funeral mass for Catholic

families only

**NYC DOH - 311**

Lifenet (formerly Bureau of Maternity/ Women's Health)  
[www.mha-nyc.org](http://www.mha-nyc.org)

**Beth Israel MC**

10 Union Sq. NY NY  
212.420.2977 Joann Rutland  
212. 844.8524 Ruth Gabay

**Archdiocese of NY**

212.371.1000 ext. 3187

**Friends in Deed**

Cynthia Burke, Outreach Director, Friends In Deed  
594 Broadway, Suite 706  
New York, NY 10012  
212-925-2009 ext 209 - 212-925-2688-fax  
[cburke@friendsindeed.org](mailto:cburke@friendsindeed.org) - [www.friendsindeed.org](http://www.friendsindeed.org)  
General Grief groups Mondays 12-1pm, Caregivers Support - Tuesdays 12-1pm

**Private Practice**

**Jennifer A. Neely, LCSW**  
156 Fifth Avenue, Suite 734, #5  
New York, NY 10010  
212-946-5052

**Julie Larson, LCSW**  
156 Fifth Avenue, Suite 718  
New York, NY 10010  
646-770-2134

**QUEENS - (SIDS, PERI-NATAL)**

Rechel (Robin) Schoenfeld, LMSW  
**Bikur Cholim Coordinating Council**  
Partners in Caring - Queens  
212.632.4730  
[www.bikurcholimcc.org](http://www.bikurcholimcc.org)

**BROOKLYN**

**The Bereavement Center for Support & Healing**  
Ingrid Seunarine, MA, FT  
66 Boerum Place  
Lower Level

Brooklyn, NY 11201  
718-722-6214  
Fax: 718-722-6233  
Email: ISeunarine@ccbq.org

Groups for children 6-12 and their parents/caregivers

**Calvary Hospital / Hospice:** An open group that meets in downtown Brooklyn on Wednesday evenings. Call for more information:

Sherry R Schachter PhD, FT  
Director Bereavement Services  
Calvary Hospital / Hospice  
1740 Eastchester Road  
Bronx, New York 10461  
Telephone: 718 518-2125  
Fax: 718 518-2552

**Maimonides MC**

979 48 st. Brooklyn  
718.283.8368 Marline Laurent

**WESTCHESTER**

Patty Donovan-Duff, RN,BSN,CT  
**The Bereavement Center of Westchester**  
69 Main Street  
Tuchahoe, NY 10707  
(P) 914-961-2818x305 (F) 914-961-8654  
pduff@stellarishealth.org  
www.thebereavementcenter.org

Offers a Child Loss Group that meets twice a month.

“Tree House Program” for the whole family – if siblings are involved & individual bereavement counseling is available

**Compassionate Friends** group meets monthly in White Plains –on the first Thursday of the month. Contact number is; 914 381-3389 .

**UPSTATE**

Brewster New York – Perinatal loss support groups  
St. Lawrence of O’Toole Parish – through the Archdiocese of New York  
31 Prospect Street  
845-279-2021 contact: Donna Iazetti

**NATIONAL**

**Sudden Unexplained Death In Childhood**  
www.sudc.org

## **POST PARTUM DEPRESSION**

Diane Cuff-Carney

718.745.4647

## **DECISION TO ABORT FETUS**

**National Council of Jewish Women**

212.687.5030 Hannah Golden

PLSP@ncjwny.org / phone sessions and group mtngs.

**Good Samaritan Hospital** Suffern NY

845.368.5297 Pam Magi

They run 4-6 perinatal loss support groups including: still-birth-newborn loss, *heartbreaking loss – for couples who have to terminate a wanted pregnancy*, miscarriage, recurrent loss & infertility, grandparent loss, “crossroads” groups

## **Part 2 - OTHER BEREAVEMENT GROUPS/RESOURCES**

### **MANHATTAN**

Terry Glusko, Director  
Bereavement & Creative Arts Therapy  
**MJHS Hospice and Palliative Care**  
39 Broadway, Suite 200  
New York, NY 10006  
(212) 649-5531 Phone  
(718) 490-7584 Cellular  
(212) 645-5259 Fax  
tglusko@mjhs.org

Susan Conceicao  
Director of Psychosocial Services  
**MJHS Hospice and Palliative Care**  
212-649-8902  
sconceic@mjhs.org

Ady Ben-Israel, MA, LMSW  
Program Coordinator, Center CARE Wellness  
Program Coordinator, Gender Identity Project  
[www.genderidentityproject.org](http://www.genderidentityproject.org)  
**The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center**  
208 W 13th St  
New York, NY 10011  
212.620.7310 x259  
646.486.9381 (f)  
ady@gaycenter.org  
[www.gaycenter.org](http://www.gaycenter.org)

Center CARE Recovery is the only LGBT-specific, licensed outpatient substance abuse treatment program in New York. Learn more about Center CARE Recovery programs and services at [gaycenter.org/health/recovery](http://gaycenter.org/health/recovery).

The Jewish Bereavement Support Group Program announces:  
**Older Adult Spousal Loss Group**  
Tuesday, August 4  
running for 8 weeks  
1:30-3:00 pm  
At JBFCS  
120 West 57 Street, NYC  
Leader: Rabbi Stephanie Dickstein, LMSW  
Pre-registration Required.  
Contact via phone: 212.399.2320 ext. 211

Christina Schuerger, LCSW  
Bereavement Coordinator/Project Rachel Coordinator  
**Archdiocese of New York- FLRL**  
1011 First Ave 7th Floor  
NY, NY 10022  
646-794-3187  
Christina.Schuerger@archny.org

**The Center for Loss and Renewal**  
168 West 86th St, #1D  
(between Amsterdam and Columbus)  
R. Benyamin Cirlin  
Center for Loss and Renewal  
212-874-4711  
www.lossandrenewal.com  
info@lossandrenewal.com

Lorraine Fitzgerald, LCSW-R  
Bereavement Coordinator  
**Comprehensive Community Hospice**  
(516) 586-1514

## **QUEENS**

Walter Fendrich, LCSW-R  
Coordinator of Bereavement Services  
**Hospice of New York**  
45-18 Court Square Suite 500  
Long Island City, NY 11101  
Phone: 718-472-1999  
Fax: 718-472-5222  
Email: walter.fendrich@hospiceny.com  
Starting Tuesday, April 7 at 6pm we are running an ongoing spousal group every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month.  
Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 6pm there is an open group for any adult with a loss.

**St. Albert**  
52-29 83rd street  
Elmhurst, N.Y. 11373  
Contact: Eileen Pesek, 718-639-0212  
General Bereavement Group held on the last Thursday of the month at 7:30pm

**Central Queens YM & YWHA:** The group will meet every Wednesday thereafter from 1:00-2:00 at the CQY, 67-09 108th Street, between 67 Ave and 67th Road in Forest Hills.

Laura Hudson Herman  
Director of Senior Program  
**Central Queens YM & YWHA**  
67-09 108th Street  
Forest Hills, NY 11375  
Tel: (718) 268-5011 ext. 621  
Fax: (718) 793-0515  
Email: [srdirect@cqyjcc.org](mailto:srdirect@cqyjcc.org)  
[www.cqyjcc.org](http://www.cqyjcc.org)

**Diocesan Bereavement** group in Queens: These are Gen. Bereavement groups  
Our Lady of Mercy  
70-01 Kessel Street  
Forest Hills, N.Y. 11375  
Contact: Sister Ann Barbara DeSiano – office: 718-261-6285  
Non-denominational, faith-based, open support groups  
Last Thursday of the month 11:00am in the rectory meeting room  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm

**St. Margaret**  
66-05 79th Place  
Middle Village, N.Y. 11379  
Contact: Ann Winkler, 1st & 3rd Thursday 10:00 a.m., 718-326-7785

## **PET LOSS**

The Animal Medical Center in NY has a pet loss support group.  
The phone contact is: (212) 329-8680.



**SPANISH –Speaking Counseling Services**

**Builders for Family and Youth**

718. 779.1600

**Caring Hospice**

718.743. 4600

Jackson Heights

**Clinic Nueva Esperanza**

718.478.1526

**Hispanic Counseling Services**

Hempstead

516.538.2613

**Puerto Rican Family Institute**

718.275. 0983 Queens

212. 229. 6905 Main Office

W. 15th St.

Ms. Kimble 212. 229. 6959

**Queens Counsel for Social Work**

718.468.8025

For information and referrals

**St. Elizabeth Church**

718.296.4900

Ozone Park, Iris Rodriquez

**Steinway Child & Family**

41-36 27th St.

Long Island City

718.389.5100

**VNS Hospice and Bereavement Services**

1250 Broadway

Group and individual phone services: Contact: Elizabeth Santana 917-608-7220

A new revision of a Spanish language education booklet for CAREGIVERS,

Cómo Cuidarse Mientras Usted Cuida a Su Ser Querido (Caring for the

Caregiver: Support for Cancer Caregivers), is also available from NCI.

**Spanish Speaking Counselors**

Miguel Boraby, LCSW - Astoria (718) 728-4787

Victor Bianco, LCSW Forest Hills (917) 680-9052

Josey Palleja, DSW Great Neck (516) 773-6609

**UPSTATE**

Auburn, NY

**Auburn Memorial Hospital** - RTS Program in place

Lansing Street

Auburn, NY 13021

(315) 255-7011

**LONG ISLAND, NY**

Free weekly group that meets each Thursday from 11:00 - 12:15, at our  
Oceanside, NY office. 212-844-5754.

**GROUP FOR CLINICIANS WHO HAVE LOST PATIENTS OR LOVED ONES**

Meets 3rd Friday of each month, 12:30-2:00pm

Contact: [info@sbsny.net](mailto:info@sbsny.net)

[www.sbsny.net](http://www.sbsny.net)