

## Indiana Providers:

### Perinatal Hospice Agencies

- Center for Hospice Care, *Life Transition Center*, Mishawaka, Elkhart, and Plymouth. Contact: Bereavement Coordinator, (574) 255-1064.
- Community Health Network, Indianapolis, Indiana. Hospice and palliative care programs. Contact: (800) 404-4852.

### Perinatal Palliative Care Services

- St. Vincent Indianapolis Hospital, *Center for Perinatal Loss*, Indianapolis. Contact: (317) 415-7494.
- Deaconess Health System, *Hand in Hand Perinatal Palliative Care Program*, The Women's Hospital, Newburgh, IN. Contact: (812) 842-4200.
- Riley Hospital for Children, Perinatal-Fetal Center; Indiana University Health Maternity Center; *Pathways Support Program*, Indianapolis. Contact: (317) 962-8153.

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## What is perinatal loss?

Perinatal refers to the time before, during and immediately after the birth of a child. Perinatal loss is any loss of an infant's life any time from conception up to one year of age, regardless of the reason.

## What is perinatal hospice and palliative care?

Perinatal hospice and palliative care is care and support given to families when the baby is diagnosed with a condition that will most likely be fatal either prior to birth or shortly after. Hospice and palliative care provides medical, nursing, spiritual, emotional, social, and bereavement care to families experiencing a perinatal loss.

## Our baby has been given a fatal diagnosis, now what?

When a fatal diagnosis is received, you should immediately seek support to include care planning and counseling. A perinatal hospice or palliative care provider is available to assist you through this difficult time. Each situation is different based upon the diagnosis and other medical factors. You should discuss your particular situation with your physician.



## What services may be available through perinatal hospice or palliative care?

- Prenatal support – emotional, spiritual, and medical
- Support groups for parents, siblings and others
- Guidance in working with medical specialists
- Childbirth education and preparation
- Develop individualized personalized birth plans
- Coordinate discharge from hospital
- Assist in creating memories, keepsakes, mementos, and treasures
- Assist with memorial service and funerals
- Emotional and bereavement support
- Pain management for baby, if necessary

## How do I find a Perinatal Hospice provider?

Most hospitals can provide resources for perinatal hospice, and community-based hospice programs in your community can offer the support you need.

Indiana 211 is a free and confidential service that helps Hoosiers across Indiana find local resources they need such as grief counseling and other human services. The service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. To reach assistance, dial 2-1-1 from a phone or visit [www.IN211.org](http://www.IN211.org)

## Indiana Department of Health (IDOH)

The ISDH Perinatal Hospice and Palliative Care Information Center provides links to organizations providing perinatal hospice and palliative care resources and services and a list of perinatal hospice and palliative care providers in Indiana. The Information Center is found at:

<https://www.in.gov/health/cshcr/indiana-health-care-quality-resource-center/perinatal-hospice-information-center>