Perinatal Loss: Resources for Providers

Pregnancy Loss and Infant Death Alliance  www.plida.org/resources.php
PLIDA maintains a comprehensive list of resources related to perinatal death and perinatal palliative care. The list contains resources for both families and providers, and it is updated annually.

Association of SIDS and Infant Mortality Programs (ASIP)  www.asip1.org
The Association of SIDS and Infant Mortality Programs (ASIP) provides national leadership to establish and promote policy and practices for professionals who respond to infant and child death and is committed to bereavement support, risk reduction and prevention services. ASIP directs the National SIDS and Infant Death Project IMPACT to help disseminate bereavement and risk reduction information.

American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Care Medicine  www.aahpm.org
Website of the professional organization of physicians and other medical professionals dedicated to expanding access for patients and families to high quality palliative care, and advancing the discipline of Hospice and Palliative Medicine, through professional education and training, development of a specialist workforce, support for clinical practice standards, research and public policy.

Bereavement Services (RTS)  www.bereavementprograms.com
Bereavement-related training and support materials for health professionals in all disciplines.

Centering Corporation  www.centering.org
Publisher and distributor of grief resources, including materials focused specifically on pregnancy loss and infant death. Some available in Spanish.

Children’s Project on Palliative/Hospice Services (ChiPPS)  www.nhpco.org/pediatrics
Group of medical professionals initiated by the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. Quarterly newsletter available online, Issues 6 and 7 (2007) focus on perinatal palliative care: http://www.nhcpo.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageID=4657

Grief Watch  www.griefwatch.com/pl/pro/default.htm
Publishes and distributes materials for bereaved families.

March of Dimes  www.marchofdimes.com
The March of Dimes is dedicated to improving infant health by preventing birth defects, premature birth, and infant mortality through research, community services, education, and advocacy.

A comprehensive bibliography about perinatal bereavement, parent support, relationship-based care, and subsequent pregnancy/parenting is available at www.plida.org/resources.php.

Below is a selection of references from peer-reviewed journals focusing on perinatal bereavement and palliative care services and programs:

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