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Perinatal hospice/palliative care programs and services

As prenatal testing becomes increasingly routine, more parents are learning devastating news before their babies are born. In too many places, the ability to diagnose has raced ahead of the ability to care for these families and their babies. But in a beautiful and practical response, some pioneering hospitals and hospices around the country are starting perinatal hospice or perinatal palliative care programs for families who wish to continue their pregnancies with babies who likely will die before, during, or after birth.

A perinatal hospice approach walks with these families on their journey through pregnancy, birth and death, honoring the baby as well as the baby's family. Even in areas without a formal program, health professionals and family and friends can offer support in the spirit of hospice (see our [resources](#) page).

Abbott Northwestern Hospital, Birth Center Case Management Specialists, (612) 863-7585. Minneapolis, Minnesota

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital Pediatric Palliative Care Service, (847) 723-6791. Park Ridge, Illinois

[Alexandra's House](#), Kansas City, Missouri

[Angel Babies of Hinds Hospice](#), Fresno, California

[Angela Hospice Prenatal Program](#), Livonia, Michigan

Birth Center, United Hospital. Contact: [Annette Klein RN](#), (651) 241-6206. St. Paul, Minnesota

Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center/[StarShine Hospice](#), Cincinnati, Ohio

Colorado High Risk Maternity and Newborn Program, The Children's Hospital and University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center, (303) 864-5548, Denver, Colorado

[Deeya](#) (a Sanskrit word meaning "a small light"), a joint program of Children's Hospitals and Clinics in Minneapolis and St. Paul, Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis and United Hospital in St. Paul, Minnesota

[FOOTPRINTS](#), Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center, St. Louis, Missouri

[Gundersen Lutheran Perinatal Palliative Care](#), La Crosse, Wisconsin

[Henry Ford Kaleidoscope Kids Hospice](#), Detroit, Michigan

[Hospice Atlanta](#) Perinatal Palliative Care Program, (404) 869-3000. Atlanta, Georgia

[Hospice Care Network](#), Contact: Mary Gravina CSW, director of bereavement, (631) 666-6873 x203. Long Island, New York

[Hospice of the Western Reserve Perinatal Care Program](#), Cleveland, Ohio

Journey of Hope Perinatal Hospice, Miami Valley Women's Center. Contact: Nancy Jensen, R.N., (937) 298-9998, Dayton, Ohio

[Kansas City Hospice and Palliative Care Carousel Program prenatal services,](#)
Kansas City, Missouri

Madigan Army Medical Center, Tacoma, Washington

Perinatal Hospice of Iowa (a collaborative partnership of Mercy Medical Center, Iowa Methodist Medical Center and Iowa Lutheran Hospital). Contact: Ann Valdez (Mercy Birthing Center). (515) 247-3207 or voicemail (515) 643-5209. Des Moines, Iowa

[St. Joseph Health System Perinatal Comfort Care,](#) Orange, California

[St. Vincent Health Perinatal Care Hospice Services,](#) Indiana

[San Diego Hospice and Palliative Care,](#) San Diego, California

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Contact [Kathleen Garza CNM MSN,](#) (915) 545-6942, or Jose Gonzalez MD, (915) 545-6710. El Paso, Texas

[The Haven Network for Perinatal Death and Bereavement,](#) (Christian-based support), Rockford, Illinois

TrinityCare Hospice [TrinityKids Care.](#) Contact director Gay Walker, (310) 530-3800. Los Angeles, California

[University of North Carolina Center for Maternal and Fetal Health,](#) Chapel Hill, North Carolina

[Wings perinatal hospice program,](#) Children's Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri

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