



Pregnancy Loss and Infant Death Alliance

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MISSION

As a nationwide, collective community, the Pregnancy Loss and Infant Death Alliance (*PLIDA*) works to ensure that all families experiencing the death of a baby during pregnancy, birth, or infancy will receive comprehensive and compassionate care from diagnosis through the reproductive years. Through collaboration between professionals and bereaved parents, we recommend and endorse standards of care and inform public policy, provide a clearinghouse for information and resources, recommend professional competencies, and promote increased awareness and research.

VISION

The Pregnancy Loss & Infant Death Alliance will set the standards of care for families experiencing the death of a baby during pregnancy, birth, or infancy. We do this by:

- ◆ Being inclusive, and involving professionals, bereaved parents, and all others affected by the death of a baby;
- ◆ Advocating for the provision of appropriate psychosocial support and reproductive health care, both acute and long-term, for bereaved families;
- ◆ Increasing public awareness of key issues around around grief and parent support for the death of a baby during pregnancy, birth or infancy.
- ◆ Providing recommendations to inform public policy;
- ◆ Promoting opportunities and funding for research on causes and prevention of death, as well as on acute and follow-up medical treatment and psychosocial support for bereaved families;
- ◆ Promoting cross-cultural awareness and sensitivity to the needs of the diverse community of bereaved parents; and
- ◆ Collaborating with related organizations, including those that deal with reproductive issues (e.g., infertility, assisted reproductive technology, prenatal testing, prenatal diagnosis, genetic counseling, labor and delivery management, fetal monitoring, maternal screening, subsequent pregnancy, adoption); infancy (e.g., postnatal screening, prematurity, SIDS); end-of-life issues (e.g., death & dying, palliative care, hospice care, medical ethics); and psychosocial issues (e.g., grief and adjustment, postpartum depression, mental health care, support groups, family-centered care).