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Re: Grief and Bereavement Referrals and Infant Safe Sleep Education

To Whom It May Concern,

Tomorrow's Child, a long time state-wide provider of infant safe sleep education and materials as well as bereavement and grief support services, ceased operations on December 31, 2015. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is committed to ensuring that these essential services continue for providers and families in Michigan. As a result, these two service areas have been absorbed into the work of the Infant Health Unit at MDHHS. This letter and packet will provide you with useful resources for both bereavement referrals and infant safe sleep education.

Bereavement Referrals

Referrals for bereavement support for families who have experienced miscarriage, stillbirth or infant loss will be sent to Dr. John Canine at Maximum Living, Inc. Dr. Canine worked with Tomorrow's Child for many years providing these services for Michigan families and MDHHS is pleased that he has decided to continue these services through MDHHS. Bereavement services will remain free for families.

To refer a family, simply fill out the referral form contained in this packet and fax it to 248-814-0710. You may also call Maximum Living directly at 248-814-0706. There are counties that have decided to provide their own bereavement services. To make the process as streamlined as possible for everyone, all referrals will go to Maximum Living and from there referrals will be sent to counties who have opted to provide their own bereavement services. You may copy and hang the card contained in this packet to remember the grief and bereavement referral process. Additional questions about grief and bereavement services through MDHHS may be directed to the Infant Health Unit.

Infant Safe Sleep Education

If you are in need of infant safe sleep educational materials, you can still obtain them free of charge. Please visit the MDHHS Clearinghouse website (www.healthymichigan.com) or call 800-353-8227 to request brochures, posters, and other infant safe sleep materials. Please note that since we are in the process of removing the Tomorrow's Child logo from these items, there will be limited quantities available for some materials for a short time. Eventually, all materials that were available through Tomorrow's Child will be available through the MDHHS Clearinghouse.

If you have general questions about infant safe sleep, infant safe sleep training or exhibits, please contact Patti Kelly, Infant Safe Sleep Program Coordinator at MDHHS 517-335-5911 or kellyp2@michigan.gov.

Thank you,

MDHHS Infant Health Unit
Phone: 517-335-8955
Voice: 517-335-4674



Grief Support Referral Form

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is dedicated to supporting families after miscarriage, stillbirth, and infant death. Through contracted services, we provide written materials, phone support, and connection with community resources and support groups. All services are free.

Date: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Father's Name: _____

Address: _____

Apt/ Unit: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

County: _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Number of other children: _____

Number of previous losses: _____

Primary Spoken Language: _____

Additional Information: _____

Infant's Name: _____

Sex: ___ Male ___ Female

Race: _____

Ethnicity: _____

Gestation: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Date of Death: _____

Cause of Death: _____

Hospital Where Born: _____

REFERRAL SOURCE

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization/Agency: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

CONSENT AND CONFIDENTIALITY

Completion and submission of this form indicates that the above individuals accept this referral for grief services. The information received is only shared with local health departments and organizations who offer grief support services.



CONTACT

Initial referrals are handled by Dr. John Canine at Maximum Living, Inc. **Please fax this completed form to 248-814-0710. You can also call 248-814-0706.**

For questions about bereavement and grief services through MDHHS, contact the Infant Health Unit at 517-335-8955.



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	FREE SERVICES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Printed Resources</i> • <i>Phone Support</i> • <i>Community Resources</i> • <i>Connect with Grief Support</i> 	
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