

SIDS/SUID Peer Grief Support Services in California

Throughout California non-profit volunteer peer support groups offer an array of services for those experiencing an infant loss due to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) or other sudden unexpected infant death (SUID). Volunteers are trained SIDS/SUID parents, family members, foster parents and/or childcare providers who have received specialized grief training to assist other bereaved individuals. Services include bereavement support groups, individual peer counseling and/or online support. Please contact the local grief group directly to inquire about meeting times/location and to obtain further information about their support and services.

Southern California

- A New Normal ~ Child Loss Support Group** (714) 305-0421
Rachel Strickland
Rancho Community Church
31300 Rancho Community Way, Temecula, CA 92592
Email: rstrickland41@gmail.com Website: <http://rcc.tv>
County served: Riverside and areas surrounding Temecula
- Guild for Infant Survival ~ Inland Empire** San Bernardino County
Sharon Lang (909) 838-1536
Email: Sharon_lang@redlands.edu or vso2012@yahoo.com (San Bernardino County)
Maureen Chavez Riverside County
Email: MCChavez42@gmail.com (Riverside County) (951) 571-6259
Counties served: Imperial/Riverside/San Bernardino including desert areas (951) 295-9217 (Cell)
in surrounding cities (951) 571-6262 (Fax)
- Guild for Infant Survival ~ Orange County** (714) 973-8417 (Office)
2130 E. Fourth Street, Suite 125, Santa Ana, CA 92705 (714) 973-8429 (Fax)
P.O. Box 148, Tustin, CA 92781
Email: gisoc@att.net Website: www.gisoc.org
County served: Orange
- Guild for Infant Survival ~ San Diego County** (619) 448-6874
Email: sandiegosids@cox.net or bagnasherrera@yahoo.com (858) 569-COPE (2673)
Website: sandiegosids.org
County served: San Diego
- Isabella's Giraffe Club ~ Giant Hearts** (858) 449-6554 (IGC)
Angela Amoroso and Drew Skinner (858) 444-6464 (Angela)
9920 Scripps Lake Drive, Suite 104, San Diego, CA 92131 (858) 775-4042 (Drew)
Email: info@isabellasgiraffeclub.org
Email: angela@isabellasgiraffeclub.org (Angela) Email: Drewskinner014@yahoo.com (Drew)
Website: <http://isabellasgiraffeclub.org>
Counties served: San Diego/Riverside (Limited areas)
- Grief Healing Peer-Parent Support Group** (707) 849-5347 (Christina)
Christina Thiele
Second Wednesday of the month
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
600 S. Commonwealth Ave., Suite 800, Los Angeles, CA 90005
Email: christina23thiele@gmail.com
Counties served: Los Angeles/Ventura

Northern California

Center for Grief and Healing – Angel Babies (559) 248-8579.

Kathy Cromwell

2490 W. Shaw Ave., Fresno, CA 93711

Website: <http://www.hindshospice.org/angel-babies--bebitos-angelitos.html>

12-week groups and 1:1 and couples counseling. Registration required for groups.

County served: Fresno

HAND of the Peninsula

Chris Lehr, LCSW

P.O. Box 3693. Redwood City, CA 94064

San Francisco Chapter..... (415) 282-7330

Peninsula Chapter (San Mateo)..... 650) 367-6993

Santa Cruz Chapter: (831) 438-4513

Bereavement services for families who have experienced the loss of a baby before, during or after birth.

Website: www.HANDsupport.org

Email: info@HANDsupport.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/HANDsupport

Counties served: San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Cruz

KIDS/SIDS ~ Support System for the Central Valley (209) 808-6680

John Mack

198 Northgate Drive, #101, Manteca, CA 95336

Email: badrat004@msn.com

**Counties served: Calaveras/Fresno/Inyo/Kern/Kings/Madera/Mariposa/Merced/
San Joaquin/Stanislaus/Tulare/Tuolumne**

SIDS Alliance of Northern California

First Candle/SIDS Alliance Affiliate

1547 Palos Verde Mall, Box 301, Walnut Creek, CA 94597-2228

Email: info@sidsnc.org

Website: sidsnc.org

Facebook groups available. No in-person support groups.

**Counties served: Alameda/Butte/Colusa/Contra Costa/Del Norte/Glenn/Humboldt/
Lake/Lassen/Marin/Mendocino/Modoc/Mono/Monterey/Napa/Plumas/San Benito/
San Francisco/San Mateo/Santa Clara/Santa Cruz/Shasta/Sierra/Siskiyou/Solano/
Sonoma/Tehama/Trinity**

SIDS Foundation (707) 745-0105

Gayla Reiter

P.O. Box 2314, Benicia, CA 94510

Email: gayla@mindspring.com Website: <http://www.sidsinfo.us/>

County served: Solano

SIDS Support of Sacramento (916) 427-6460

Laurie Mamola, Sacramento, CA 95831

Email: l.mamola@att.net

Website: <http://sidssupportofsacramento.com/>

**Counties served: Alpine/Amador/El Dorado/Nevada/Placer/Sacramento/Sutter/
Yolo/Yuba**



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