

# **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT SERVICES IN TENNESSEE**

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# Introduction

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This booklet was compiled by the Center for Health and Human Services at Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU), under contract with the Tennessee Department of Health, Maternal and Child Health Section. It provides a list of SIDS and other bereavement support services across the state and can be used by families and caregivers who have experienced the loss of a child and by professionals who work with bereaved families—social workers, counselors, public health staff, and spiritual leaders.

The Center for Health and Human Services contacted hospitals, private sector organizations, and other facilities throughout the state to compile this resource booklet, which may be updated periodically. If you have information that should be included in this guide, please call the Center for Health and Human Services at (615) 904-8342 or e-mail [cmsmith@mtsu.edu](mailto:cmsmith@mtsu.edu).

This booklet is organized into 14 public health regions, six urban and eight nonurban. Urban regions or counties are presented first from west to east in the following order: Memphis/Shelby County, Jackson/Madison County, Metro Nashville/Davidson County, Chattanooga/Hamilton County, Knoxville/Knox County, and Sullivan County. Nonurban regions are also presented from west to east as follows: Southwest Region, Northwest Region, Mid-Cumberland Region, South Central Region, Upper Cumberland Region, Southeast Region, East Region, and Northeast Region.



# URBAN REGIONS

# Memphis/Shelby County

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The Tennessee Department of Health SIDS Coordinator for **Memphis/Shelby County** is Linda Busby, (901) 379-7461, linda.busby@shelbycountyttn.gov

## **Baptist Memorial Hospital**

6019 Walnut Grove Rd.  
Memphis, TN 38120  
(901) 226-5000 (main)

### **Hospital/Community Services:**

Refers patients to Baptist Trinity Hospice, (901) 767-6767 (main). Contacts are Angela Hamblen, extension 578 or [angela.hamblen@bmhcc.org](mailto:angela.hamblen@bmhcc.org), and Bill Finnell, extension 797 or [bill.finnell@bmhcc.org](mailto:bill.finnell@bmhcc.org). Baptist Trinity Hospice is affiliated with Baptist Memorial Hospital. The hospice has comprehensive bereavement services including bereavement groups and one-on-one counseling. They also have a camp for children, teens, and adults called Camp Good Grief. The Web site is [www.baptistonline.org/services/community/grief/](http://www.baptistonline.org/services/community/grief/).

## **Baptist Memorial Hospital, Collierville**

1500 West Poplar  
Collierville, TN 38017  
(901) 861-9400 (main)

### **Bereavement Contact Person:**

Rebecca Blanchard, RN, case management director (call main number)

### **Hospital Bereavement Services:**

Refers people to Ken Frasier (chaplain) or Angela Hamblen at Baptist Trinity Hospice

### **Community Bereavement Services:**

Baptist Trinity Hospice, (901) 767-6767 (main). Contacts are Angela Hamblen, extension 578 or [angela.hamblen@bmhcc.org](mailto:angela.hamblen@bmhcc.org), and Bill Finnell, extension 797 or [bill.finnell@bmhcc.org](mailto:bill.finnell@bmhcc.org). Baptist Trinity Hospice is affiliated with Baptist Memorial Hospital. The hospice has comprehensive bereavement services including bereavement groups and one-on-one counseling. They also have a camp for children, teens, and adults called Camp Good Grief. The Web site is [www.baptistonline.org/services/community/grief/](http://www.baptistonline.org/services/community/grief/).

## **Baptist Memorial Hospital for Women**

6225 Humphreys Blvd.  
Memphis, TN 38120  
(901) 227-9000 (main)

### **Community Bereavement Services:**

Baptist Trinity Hospice, (901) 767-6767 (main). Contacts are Angela Hamblen, extension 578 or [angela.hamblen@bmhcc.org](mailto:angela.hamblen@bmhcc.org), and Bill Finnell, extension 797 or [bill.finnell@bmhcc.org](mailto:bill.finnell@bmhcc.org). Baptist Trinity Hospice is affiliated with Baptist Memorial Hospital. The hospice has comprehensive bereavement services including bereavement groups and one-on-one counseling. They also have a camp for children, teens, and adults called Camp Good Grief. The Web site is [www.baptistonline.org/services/community/grief/](http://www.baptistonline.org/services/community/grief/).

## **Regional Medical Center at Memphis**

877 Jefferson Ave.  
Memphis, TN 38103-2807  
(901) 545-8400 (main)

### **Bereavement Contact Person:**

Cassandra Brittmon, bereavement liaison, (901) 545-8864

### **Community Bereavement Services:**

Mid-South Pregnancy Center, (901) 259-HOPE (4673)

### **Hospital/Community Bereavement Services:**

Provides support to families experiencing loss, offering assistance and referrals for final planning and services. Referrals to Chaplain Services and Social Services. Supports families by offering keepsake memorabilia with literature and memory boxes. Works collaboratively with Mid-South Pregnancy Loss Support Group.

## **St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital**

332 North Lauderdale  
Memphis, TN 38105-2729  
(901) 495-3300 (main)

### **Bereavement Contact Person:**

Javier Kane, director, (901) 595-4152 or [javier.kane@stjude.org](mailto:javier.kane@stjude.org)

### **Hospital Bereavement Services:**

The Day of Remembrance weekend is designed to reconnect parents with caregiver staff and provide workshops for grief support, formal recognition and memorial services for lost children, and support groups for siblings. St. Jude also contacts families who have lost children at two weeks, four weeks, and six months, to check on them and send them literature on how to deal with their loss.

## **Lebonheur Children’s Medical Center**

50 North Dunlap  
Memphis, TN 38103  
(901) 287-5437 (main)

### **Bereavement Contact Person:**

Flotyl Gresham, BSN, RN, Palliative Care Services, (901) 287-6104

### **Hospital Bereavement Services:**

Parent Partners provide bereavement support for parents to celebrate life, share the grief, and share the living.

## **The following hospitals in Memphis/Shelby County have no SIDS/bereavement services available at this time:**

Methodist Extended Care Hospital Inc., Shelby Co.  
Methodist Hospital North, Shelby Co.  
Methodist Hospital South, Shelby Co.  
St. Francis Hospital, Shelby Co.  
Select Specialty Hospital, Memphis, Shelby Co.

# **Jackson/Madison County**

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The Tennessee Department of Health SIDS Coordinator for **Jackson/Madison County** is Kay Kirk, (731) 423-3020, [kay.kirk@state.tn.us](mailto:kay.kirk@state.tn.us). If unavailable, contact Kim Tedford at [kimtedford@jmchd.com](mailto:kimtedford@jmchd.com) or Tony Emison at [tremison@jmchd.com](mailto:tremison@jmchd.com).

## **Jackson/Madison County General Hospital**

620 Skyline Drive  
Jackson, TN 38301  
(731) 541-5000 (main)

### **Bereavement Contact Person:**

Tammie Berry, Mother/Baby Unit, (731) 541-5950 or [tammie.berry@wth.org](mailto:tammie.berry@wth.org)

### **Hospital Bereavement Services:**

We have seven Resolve Through Sharing counselors for our inpatient services. Our Women and Children's Department combined with West Tennessee Healthcare Foundation hosts an annual Walk to Remember.

## **The following hospitals in Jackson/Madison County have no SIDS/bereavement services available at this time:**

Regional Hospital of Jackson, Madison Co.  
Tennessee Christian Medical Center, Madison Co.

# Metro Nashville/Davidson County\_\_\_\_\_

The Tennessee Department of Health SIDS Coordinator for **Metro Nashville/Davidson County** is Sandra Kaylor, (615) 862-7942, sandra.kaylor@nashville.gov

## **Baptist Hospital**

2000 Church St.  
Nashville, TN 37236  
(615) 284.5555 (main)

### **Bereavement Contact Person:**

Cherie Hackney, OB social worker, (615) 284-7762 or cherie.hackney@baptisthospital.com

### **Hospital Bereavement Services:**

SIDS education, Resolve Through Sharing bereavement support; annual memorial service for families who have lost a baby.

### **Community Bereavement Services:**

Refers to Sharing, a community organization that meets at Centennial (see details under Centennial Women's Hospital). Call 342-8899 for additional information; also Compassionate Friends, (877) 969-0010, or [www.compassionatefriends.org](http://www.compassionatefriends.org).

## **Centennial Women's Hospital**

2221 Murphy Ave.  
Nashville, TN 37203  
(615) 342-1000 (main)

### **Bereavement Contact Person:**

Women's Hospital nursing supervisor, (615) 342-3908 or Lori Thompson, social worker, (615) 342-4625, [lori.smith@hcahealthcare.com](mailto:lori.smith@hcahealthcare.com)

### **Community Bereavement Services:**

Sharing, a community organization, offers a bereavement support group for parents who have experienced a miscarriage, stillbirth, or newborn death. The group meets the second Thursday of each month in the Administrative Board Room at Centennial Women's Hospital. Call 342-8899 or visit [www.sharing.faithsite.com](http://www.sharing.faithsite.com).

## **Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt**

2200 Children's Way  
Nashville, TN 37232-9900  
(615) 936-1000 (main)

### **Bereavement Contact Person:**

Mary Jo Gilmer, (615) 343-0938, for professionals dealing with grief issues.

### **Hospital Bereavement Services:**

Go to [www.VanderbiltChildren's.com](http://www.VanderbiltChildren's.com) and click on Family Resource Center then Health Library for a wide variety of resources and services for SIDS and many other issues.

### **Community Services:**

Alive Hospice Grief Center, (615) 963-4732  
Compassionate Friends, 1-877-969-0010, [www.compassionatefriends.org](http://www.compassionatefriends.org)

## **Nashville General Hospital**

1818 Albion St.  
Nashville, TN 37208  
(615) 341-4000 (main)

### **Bereavement Contact Person:**

Sandra McMahan, director of social services, (615) 341-4128,  
[sandra.mcmahan@nashvilleHA.org](mailto:sandra.mcmahan@nashvilleHA.org) or Robbie Lane, (615) 341-4647,  
[robbie.lane@nashvilleHA.org](mailto:robbie.lane@nashvilleHA.org)

### **Hospital Bereavement Services:**

NICU nurse educators and social workers talk with moms who have lost babies. They meet with families, help with planning, and make memory books available.

### **Community Bereavement Services:**

Alive Hospice Grief Center, (615) 963-4732 and Compassionate Friends,  
1-877-969-0010 or [www.compassionatefriends.org](http://www.compassionatefriends.org)

**The following hospitals in Metro Nashville/Davidson County have no SIDS/bereavement services available at this time:**

Kindred Hospital, Nashville, Davidson Co.

St. Thomas Hospital, Davidson Co.

Select Specialty Hospital, Nashville, Davidson Co.

Skyline Medical Center, Davidson Co.

Southern Hills Medical Center, Davidson Co.

Summit Medical Center, Davidson Co.

# **Chattanooga/Hamilton County**\_\_\_\_\_

The Tennessee Department of Health SIDS Coordinator for **Chattanooga/Hamilton County** is Patti Gervin, (423) 209-8086, pattig@hamiltontn.gov

## **Erlanger Medical Center**

975 East Third St.  
Chattanooga, TN 37403  
(423) 778-7000 (main)

### **Bereavement Contact Person:**

Olen Grubbs, chaplain, (423) 778-7175, olen.grubbs@erlanger.org

### **Hospital Bereavement Services:**

Hospital refers those in need of bereavement support to the chaplain.

### **Community Bereavement Services:**

Hospice of Chattanooga offers resources/support for bereavement, (423) 892-4289

## **The following hospitals in Chattanooga/Hamilton County have no SIDS/bereavement services available at this time:**

Kindred Hospital, Chattanooga, Hamilton Co.  
Memorial North Park, Hamilton Co.  
Parkridge Medical Center, Hamilton Co.

# **Knoxville/Knox County**

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The Tennessee Department of Health SIDS Coordinator for **Knoxville/Knox County** is Joyce Hurst, (865) 215-5193, joyce.hurst@knoxcounty.org

## **East Tennessee Children's Hospital**

2018 Clinch Ave.  
Knoxville, TN 37916  
(865) 541-8000 (main)

### **Bereavement Contact Person:**

P. J. Alexander, LCSW, (865) 541-8536

### **Community Bereavement Services:**

Compassionate Friends: Ted Wampler, (865) 687-2117  
Second United Methodist Church  
1524 Western Ave.  
Knoxville, TN 37921  
Support group usually meets the second Sunday of every month at 2:00 p.m.

### **Knoxville Suicide Grievers Support Group**

PJ Alexander, LCSW, (865) 671-9631

Monthly support group for adults grieving the suicide of a significant person.

## **Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center**

1901 Clinch Ave.  
Knoxville, TN 37916  
(865) 541-1101 (main)

### **Bereavement Contact Person:**

Pam Shincurtl, (865) 541-1267

### **Hospital Bereavement Services:**

Support group meets monthly; pediatrics are part of monthly support group.

## **University of Tennessee Memorial Hospital**

1924 Alcoa Hwy.

Knoxville, TN 37920

(865) 544-9000 (main)

### **Community Bereavement Services:**

Compassionate Friends of Knoxville, Ted Wampler, (865) 986-7375; and  
Tom Baer (infant loss support), (865) 966-6770

## **Lisa Ross Birth and Women's Center**

1925-B Ailor Ave.

Knoxville, TN 37921

(865) 524-4422 (main)

### **Community Bereavement Services:**

Carmen Rogero Pitt, (865) 524-4422, [www.lisarosscenter.org](http://www.lisarosscenter.org)

## **The following hospitals in Knoxville/Knox County have no SIDS/bereavement services available at this time:**

Parkwest Medical Center, Knox Co.

Select Specialty Hospital, Knoxville, Knox Co.

Select Specialty Hospital, North Knoxville, Knox Co.

Select Specialty Hospital (UT–Knoxville campus), Knox Co.

St. Mary's Health System, Knox Co.

# **Sullivan County**

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The Tennessee Department of Health SIDS Coordinator for **Sullivan County** is Becca Wright, (423) 279-2791, [bwright@sullivanhealth.org](mailto:bwright@sullivanhealth.org)

## **Wellmont Bristol Regional Medical Center**

1 Medical Park Boulevard

Bristol, TN 37620

(423) 844-1121 (main)

### **Hospital Bereavement Services:**

Healing Place Support Group offers support in 6- to 8-week sessions for those who have lost a loved one. Call (423) 844-5258 (Bristol) or (423) 244-3724 (Kingsport).

### **The following hospitals in Sullivan County have no SIDS/ bereavement services available at this time:**

Indian Path Medical Center, Sullivan Co.

Select Specialty Hospital, Tricities Inc., Sullivan Co.

# NONURBAN REGIONS

## Southwest Region

The Tennessee Department of Health SIDS Coordinator for the **Southwest Region** is Marcella Henry, (731) 421-6779, marcella.henry@state.tn.us. If unavailable, contact Cindy Tate, (731) 421-6706, cindy.tate@state.tn.us

The SIDS County Coordinators within the Southwest Region are

Chester County	Janice Beshires	(731) 989-7108
Decatur County	Sheila Hensley	(731) 852-2461
Fayette County	Gwen Blayde	(901) 465-5243
Hardeman County	Debra Hurst	(731) 658-5291
Hardin County	Kim Adams	(731) 925-2557
Haywood County	Buffie Nehms	(731) 772-0463
Henderson County	Kim Todd	(731) 968-8148
Lauderdale County	Michelle Gonzales	(731) 635-9711
McNairy County	Brenda Matlock	(731) 645-3474
Tipton County	Beth Cullen	(901) 476-0235

## McNairy County

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### McNairy Regional Hospital

705 East Poplar Ave.  
Selmer, TN 38375-1828  
(731) 645-3221 (main)

#### Community Bereavement Services:

Shackelford Funeral Home, (731) 645-3481, offers a grieving support group.

## Tipton County

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### Baptist Memorial Hospital, Tipton

1995 Highway 51 South  
Covington, TN 38019  
(901) 476-2621 (main)

#### Bereavement Contact Person:

Bill Jordan, chaplain, (901) 619-2668, or Gloria Johnson, social worker with Home Health, (901) 475-5416

**The following hospitals in the Southwest Region have no SIDS/bereavement services available at this time:**

Bolivar General Hospital, Henderson Co.

Decatur County General Hospital, Decatur Co.

Hardin Medical Center, Hardin Co.

Haywood Park Community Hospital, Haywood Co.

Henderson County Community Hospital, Henderson Co.

Methodist Healthcare, Fayette Hospital, Fayette Co.

## Northwest Region

The Tennessee Department of Health SIDS Coordinator for the **Northwest Region** is Marcella Henry, (731) 421-6779, marcella.henry@state.tn.us. If unavailable, contact Cindy Tate, (731) 421-6706, cindy.tate@state.tn.us

The SIDS County Coordinators within the Northwest Region are

Benton County	Kristie Threet	(731) 584-4944
Carroll County	Jennifer Williams	(731) 986-1990
Crockett County	Robbie Robertson	(731) 696-2505
Dyer County	Suzanne Constant	(731) 285-7311
Gibson County	Ginny Baker	(731) 855-7601
Henry County	Paula Perkins	(731) 642-4025
Lake County	Sandy Smith	(731) 253-9954
Obion County	Jane Adams	(731) 885-8722
Weakley County	Donna Reynolds	(731) 364-2210

### **None of the following hospitals have SIDS or other bereavement services at this time:**

Baptist Memorial Huntington, Carroll Co.

Dyersburg Regional Medical Center, Dyer Co.\*

Gibson General Hospital, Gibson Co.

Henry County Medical Center, Henry Co.\*

Humboldt General Hospital, Gibson Co.

McKenzie Regional Medical Center, Henry Co.\*

Milan General Hospital, Gibson Co.

Volunteer Community Hospital, Weakley Co.\*

Wellmont Hancock County Hospital, Obion Co.

\*Unable to contact

# Mid-Cumberland Region

The Tennessee Department of Health SIDS Coordinator for the **Mid-Cumberland Region** is Melissa Bradley, (615) 650-7052, melissa.bradley@state.tn.us

The SIDS County Coordinators within the Mid-Cumberland Region are

Cheatham County	Joan Morris	(615) 792-4318
Dickson County	Barbara Pruitt/ Judy Petiton	(615) 446-2839
Houston County	Susan Gould/ Alana Carmichael	(931) 289-3463
Humphreys County	Bill Leach/ Tracy Vine	(931) 296-2231
Robertson County	Ashley Morris/ Joan Morris	(615) 384-0208
Rutherford County	Ellen Gray/ Cheryl Wolfe	(615) 898-7785
Stewart County	Kim Crutcher	(931) 232-5329
Sumner County	Jane Sudderth/ Jane Merrick	(615) 206-1100
Trousdale County	Jennifer Spears	(615) 374-2112
Williamson County	Brenda McClanahan/ Dorothy Bullard	(615) 794-1542
Wilson County	Judy Lea	(615) 444-5325

## Rutherford County

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### Middle Tennessee Medical Center

400 North Highland Ave.  
Murfreesboro, TN 37130  
(615) 849-4100 (main)

#### Bereavement Contact Person:

Reverend Jackie Clevenger,, (615) 217-7888

#### Hospital Bereavement Services:

Pregnancy/Infant Loss Support Group is a support group for parents who have experienced a miscarriage or the loss of an infant one year or younger. For more information including meeting times and location, contact Reverend Jackie Clevenger,, (615) 217-7888.

An adult grief support group is also offered separately through MTMC.

# Sumner County

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## Sumner Regional Medical Center

555 Hartsville Pike  
Gallatin, TN 37066-2449  
1-866-342-0324 (Healthline)

### Community Bereavement Services:

Sumner Hospice  
510 East Main Street  
Gallatin, TN 37066  
Toll Free: 1-888-328-6690  
Office: (615) 328-6690  
Contact: Lisa Oliver, M.Div., bereavement coordinator

Sumner Hospice offers Life After Loss support groups at 10:00 a.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in Gallatin and at 6:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at Beech Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Hendersonville. They also offer a five-week Grief Support Series, Surviving Loss Together, four times a year. There is no fee for any group, but you must call the bereavement coordinator to register for each group.

### The following hospitals in the Mid-Cumberland Region have no SIDS/ bereavement services available at this time:

Gateway Medical Center, Montgomery Co.  
Hendersonville Medical Center, Sumner Co.  
Northwest Medical Center, Robertson Co.  
Stonecrest Medical Center, Rutherford Co.  
Tennessee Christian Medical Center, Portland, Sumner Co.  
Three Rivers Hospital, Humphreys Co.  
Trinity Hospital, Houston Co.  
Trousdale Medical Center, Trousdale Co.  
University Medical Center, Wilson Co.\*

\* Unable to contact

# South Central Region

The Tennessee Department of Health SIDS Coordinator for the **South Central Region** is Deborah Molder, (931) 490-8372, [deborah.molder@state.tn.us](mailto:deborah.molder@state.tn.us). If unavailable, contact Julie Odom, (931) 490-8368, [julie.odom@state.tn.us](mailto:julie.odom@state.tn.us).

The SIDS County Coordinators within the South Central Region are

Bedford County	Tera Overcast-Davis/ Carmen Breece	(931) 684-3426
Coffee County (Manchester)	Yvette Thomas	(931) 723-5134
Coffee County (Tullahoma)	Sandy Lindstrom	(931) 455-9369
Giles County	Vicky Bond	(931) 363-5506
Hickman County	Kristy Staggs	(931) 729-3516
Lawrence County	Heather Bonner	(931) 762-9406
Lewis County	Kristy Staggs	(931) 796-2204
Lincoln County	Gina Vaughn	(931) 438-1567
Marshall County	Vicky Bond	(931) 359-1551
Maury County	Julie Bragdon	(931) 560-1122
Moore County	Gina Vaughn	(931) 759-4251
Perry County	Kristy Staggs	(931) 589-2138
Wayne County	Angie Griggs	(931) 722-3292

## Bedford County

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### Bedford County Medical Center

845 Union St.  
Shelbyville, TN 37160  
(931) 685-5433 (main)

#### Bereavement Contact Person:

Barbara Draine, nursery nurse, (931) 685-5245

#### Hospital Bereavement Services:

Booklets are given out and cards are sent to families who have lost babies.

#### Community Bereavement Contact:

Lannom Memorial Library  
312 N. Collins St.  
Tullahoma, TN  
1-877-969-0010

A support group for grieving parents meets the first Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

## **Giles County**

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### **Hillside Hospital**

1265 East College St.  
Pulaski, TN 38478-4541  
(931) 363-7531 (main)

#### **Community Bereavement Services:**

First Baptist Church bereavement group (not specifically for SIDS),  
(931) 363-3584

## **Maury County**

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### **Maury Regional Medical Center**

1224 Trotwood Ave.  
Columbia, TN 38401-4802  
(931) 381-1111 (main)

#### **Hospital Bereavement Services:**

Call (931) 381-1111 ext. 1211 or ext. 2236 for pregnancy loss  
Call (931) 381-1111 ext. 4243 for pastoral care services and bereavement  
services.

### **The following hospitals in the South Central Region have no SIDS/bereavement services available at this time:**

Crockett Hospital, Lawrence Co.\*  
Emerald-Hodgson Hospital, Franklin Co.  
Hickman Community Hospital, Hickman Co.  
Lincoln Medical Center, Lincoln Co.  
Marshall Medical Center, Marshall Co.  
Medical Center of Manchester, Coffee Co.  
Natchez Trace Maternity Center, Wayne Co.  
Perry Community Hospital, Perry Co.  
Southern Tennessee Medical Center, Franklin Co.  
United Regional Medical Center, Coffee Co.

\*Unable to contact

# Upper Cumberland Region

The Tennessee Department of Health SIDS Coordinators for the **Upper Cumberland Region** are Judy Barclay, (931) 520-4219, [judy.barclay@state.tn.us](mailto:judy.barclay@state.tn.us), and Beverly Madewell at (931) 520-4203, [beverly.madewell@state.tn.us](mailto:beverly.madewell@state.tn.us)

The SIDS County Coordinators within the Upper Cumberland Region are

Cannon County	Karen Maloney	(615) 563-4243
Clay County	Tim Tiernan	(931) 243-2651
Cumberland County	Kari Coburn	(931) 484-6196
DeKalb County	Amanda Washer	(615) 597-7599
Fentress County	Sheila Foy	(931) 879-9936
Jackson County	Karla Hensley	(931) 268-0218
Macon County	Anna Wilson	(615) 666-2142
Overton County	Pam Davis	(931) 823-6260
Pickett County	Sheila Abbott	(931) 864-3178
Putnam County	Jenny Phillips	(931) 528-2531
Smith County	Brenda Thomas	(615) 735-0242
Van Buren County	Peggy Welch	(931) 946-2438
Warren County	vacant but may contact Rachel Hillis	(931) 473-8468
White County	Kendra Jared	(931) 836-2201

## Cumberland County

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### Cumberland Medical Center

421 South Main St.

Crossville, TN 38555-5011

(931) 484-9511 (main, ask for patient advocate for Emergency Department)

#### **Bereavement Contact Person:**

Wendy Mullins, patient advocate, or Lenora Iles at Cumberland County Medical Examiner's Office, [cumberlandme@hotmail.com](mailto:cumberlandme@hotmail.com)

#### **Hospital Bereavement Services:**

A grief support group meets biweekly and is not strictly for the loss of a child. Handouts and booklets on bereavement are also offered.

#### **Community Bereavement Services:**

Hospice of Cumberland County provides a grief support group.

Call (931) 484-4748. They are located at 30 East Adams Street, Crossville, TN 38555, [www.cumberlandhospice.com](http://www.cumberlandhospice.com)

## **Fentress County**

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### **Jamestown Regional Medical Center**

436 Central Avenue West  
P.O. Box 1500  
Jamestown, TN 38556  
(931) 879-8171

#### **Bereavement Contact Person:**

Rhonda Tate, patient advocate director, (931) 752-5762

#### **Community Bereavement Services:**

Love Memories Support Group meets at the Fentress County Public Library on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Call (931) 879-7512 for more information.

## **Putnam County**

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### **Cookeville Regional Medical Center**

142 West Fifth Street  
Cookeville, TN 38501  
(931) 528-2541

#### **Bereavement Contact Person:**

Monika Bowman, social services, (931) 646-2667, refers to Caris Health Care, Compassionate Friends, and Lazarus House Hospice.

#### **Community Bereavement Services:**

Caris Health Care, (931) 537-3430  
Compassionate Friends, Margaret Massa, (931) 761-2258  
Lazarus House Hospice, (931) 528-5133

## Smith County

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### Riverview Regional Medical Center

158 Hospital Drive  
Carthage, TN 37030  
(615) 735-1560 (main)

#### **Bereavement Contact Person:**

Jackie Manning, (615) 735-5137, refers to Sumner Hospice group.

#### **Community Bereavement Services:**

Sumner Regional Hospital Hospice bereavement group is a monthly community grief support group for caregivers and family members who have lost a loved one. Call the Healthline at 1-866-342-0324 for further information.

## Warren County

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### River Park Hospital

1559 Sparta St.  
McMinnville, TN 37110-1316  
(931) 815-4101 (main)

#### **Bereavement Contact Person:**

Brenda Join, social services department, (931) 815-4221

#### **Community Bereavement Services:**

Healing Heart of Tennessee  
107 E. Morford St.  
McMinnville, TN 37110  
(931) 474-4673

Cheer Mental Health Center  
120 Omni Dr.  
McMinnville, TN 37110  
(931) 473-3960

Generations Mental Health Center  
5736 Manchester Hwy.  
Morrison, TN 37110  
(931) 815-3871

First Baptist Church  
101 West Church St.  
Smithville, TN 37166

Support group meets the first and third Sundays of the month at 3:00 p.m. in the activities building of the Smithville First Baptist Church.

**The following hospitals in the Upper Cumberland Region have no SIDS/bereavement services available at this time:**

Cumberland River Hospital, Clay Co.

DeKalb Community Hospital, DeKalb Co.

Macon County General Hospital, Macon Co.

Livingston Regional Hospital, Overton Co.

Stones River Hospital, Cannon Co.

White County Community Hospital, White Co.\*

\*Unable to contact

# Southeast Region

The Tennessee Department of Health SIDS Coordinator for the **Southeast Region** is Roxanne Wooten at (423) 634-7714, roxanne.wooten@state.tn.us. If unavailable, contact Janet Ridley, (423) 634-5890, janet.ridley@state.tn.us, or Dr. Jan Beville, (423) 634-5887, jan.beville@state.tn.us.

The SIDS County Coordinators within the Southeast Region are

Bledsoe County	Sherry Cagle	(423) 447-2149
Bradley County	Lynelle Callendar	(423) 728-7020
Franklin County	Abbie Walker	(931) 967-3826
Grundy County	Deanna Cookston/ Abbie Walker	(931) 692-3641
Marion County	Abbie Walker/ Deanna Cookston	(423) 942-2238
McMinn County	vacant, ask for HUGS staff	(423) 745-7431
Meigs County	Patricia Moore	(423) 334-5185
Polk County	Corrine Freeman	(423) 338-4533
Rhea County	Patricia Moore	(423) 775-7819
Sequatchie County	Sherry Cagle	(423) 949-3619

## Bradley County

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### SkyRidge Medical Center

2305 Chambliss Ave.  
Cleveland, TN 37311-3847  
(423) 559-6101 (main)

#### **Bereavement Contact Person:**

Jane Blevins, jane\_blevins@chs.net

#### **Hospital Bereavement Services:**

Forever Angels is a bereavement support group for families who have lost a newborn.

#### **Community Bereavement Services:**

Hospice of Chattanooga offers a bereavement support group. Call Susan Latta, (423) 892-4289, ext. 424.

# **McMinn County**

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## **Athens Regional Medical Center**

1114 West Madison Ave.

P.O. Box 250

Athens, TN 37371

(423) 745-1411 (main)

### **Bereavement Contact Person:**

Elaine Davidson, social worker, [elaine.davidson@lpnt.net](mailto:elaine.davidson@lpnt.net)

### **Community Bereavement Contact:**

Laycock/Hobbs Funeral Home, (423) 745-5361

Children with Terminal Illness Bereavement, 1-800-951-2561

## **The following hospitals in the Southeast Region have no SIDS/bereavement services available at this time:**

Copper Basin Medical Center, Polk Co.

Cleveland Community Hospital, Bradley Co.

Erlanger Medical Center, Bledsoe Co.

Grandview Medical Center, Marion Co.

Rhea Medical Center, Rhea Co.

## East Region

The Tennessee Department of Health SIDS Coordinator for the **East Region** is Danni Frazee, (865) 549-5371, [danni.frazee@state.tn.us](mailto:danni.frazee@state.tn.us)

The SIDS County Coordinators within the East Region are

Anderson County	Sherrea Seiber/ Phyllis Copeland	(865) 425-8723
Blount County	Vivian Hatcher/ Nancy Johnson	(865) 983-4582
Campbell County	Bevra York	(423) 562-8351
Claiborne County	Veronica Lee	(423) 626-4291
Cocke County	Mandy Gregg	(423) 623-8733
Grainger County	Susan Blair/ Brenda Jones	(865) 828-5247
Hamblen County	Lori Carmichael	(423) 586-6431
Jefferson County	Rhonda Campbell	(865) 397-3930
Loudon County	Elvia Gossett	(865) 458-2514
Monroe County	Melissa Blair	(423) 442-3993
Morgan County	Wendy Vespie	(423) 346-6272
Roane County	Kay Thomas	(865) 354-1220
Scott County	Leesa Norris	(423) 663-2445
Sevier County	Pamela McClelland	(865) 453-1032
Union County	Amanda Mason	(865) 992-3867

## Anderson County

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### Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge– Covenant Health

990 Oak Ridge Turnpike  
Oak Ridge, TN 37830-6976  
(865) 835-1000 (main)

#### **Bereavement Contact Person:**

Cheryl Stallings, (865) 835-2268

#### **Hospital Bereavement Services:**

The Resolve Through Sharing program for bereavement holds meetings as needed for families. Walk to Remember is conducted every year in October.

#### **Community Bereavement Services:**

Refers to Compassionate Friends, 1-877-969-0010 or [www.compassionatefriends.org](http://www.compassionatefriends.org)

# Cocke County

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## **Baptist Hospital Cocke Co.**

435 Second St.  
Newport, TN 37821-3703  
(423) 625-2200 (main)

### **Bereavement Contact Person:**

Ed Lemmond, chaplain, (423) 625-2205 or [elemmond@bhset.org](mailto:elemmond@bhset.org)

### **Hospital Bereavement Services:**

A hospital chaplain is available for individual counseling/support. Support groups may also be available. Grief support materials are provided to families who have lost a loved one.

## **The following hospitals in the East Tennessee Region have no SIDS/bereavement services available at this time:**

Claiborne County Hospital, Claiborne Co.  
Fort Loudon Medical Center, Loudon Co.  
Fort Sanders Sevier Medical Center, Sevier Co.  
Jellico Community Hospital, Campbell Co.  
Lakeway Regional Hospital, Hamblen Co.  
Morristown-Hamblen Healthcare System, Hamblen Co.  
Roane Medical Center, Roane Co.  
Scott County Hospital, Scott Co.  
St. Mary's Jefferson Memorial Hospital, Inc., Jefferson Co.\*  
St. Mary's Medical Center of Campbell, Campbell Co.  
Sweetwater Hospital Association, Monroe Co.  
Women's Wellness and Maternity Center, Monroe Co.

\*Unable to contact

## Northeast Region

The Tennessee Department of Health SIDS Coordinator for the **Northeast Region** is Sheree Pierce, (423) 979-4629, sheree.pierce@state.tn.us

The SIDS County Coordinators within the Northeast Region are

Carter County	Rose Mary Hixson	(423) 543-2521
Greene County	Jackie Neas	(423) 798-1749
Hancock County	Sally Morris	(423) 733-2228
Hawkins County	Cathy Sandidge	(423) 272-7641
Johnson County	Linda Wilson	(423) 727-9731
Unicoi County	Deandria Bogart	(423) 743-9103

## Greene County

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### Laughlin Memorial Hospital Inc.

1420 Tusculum Blvd.  
Greenville, TN 37745  
(423) 787-5000 (main)

#### Bereavement Contact Person:

Betty Weemes, (423) 787-5117 or [bettyweemes@lmhcare.org](mailto:bettyweemes@lmhcare.org)

#### Hospital Bereavement Services:

A general bereavement group, "Celebrate Life," and "Parent Partners," a bereavement support group for people who have lost a child, meet four times a year.

### Takoma Regional Hospital

401 Takoma Ave.  
Greenville, TN 37743-4647  
(423) 798-8137

#### Bereavement Contact Person:

Jan Leffers (chaplain), available for grief counseling

# Washington County

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## **Medical Center Hospice**

101 Medical Tech Plaza, Suite 100  
Johnson City, TN 37604-6094  
(423) 431-7699 (main)

### **Bereavement Contact Person:**

Virginia Moore, (423) 431-7668 or mooremv@msha.com

### **Hospice Bereavement Services:**

The Hospice Department provides bereavement support for Hospice families for up to 13 months after the loss of a loved one. Referrals are made to several community programs depending on the circumstances. The Hospice serves patients in Washington, Carter, Unicoi, Greene, Sullivan, and Johnson counties. All hospitals in Washington County refer to Medical Center Hospice.

### **Community Bereavement Services:**

ETSU Counseling, (423) 439-7679  
Frontier Health Services, (423) 232-2670  
Compassionate Friends, (423) 913-1214 or [www.compassionatefriends.org](http://www.compassionatefriends.org)  
Laughlin Memorial Hospital and Health Care Foundation, (423) 787-5117, offers support groups.

# **COMMUNITY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT SERVICES IN TENNESSEE**

# **Community Bereavement Support Services in Tennessee**

## **Tennessee SIDS Alliance**

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Lisa Hunt, President  
huntklisa@comcast.net  
(865) 938-9848

## **The Compassionate Friends**

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[www.compassionatefriends.org](http://www.compassionatefriends.org)

Bristol, TN/VA  
(276) 669-3222

Knoxville, TN  
(865) 687-2117

Memphis, TN  
(901) 276-4134 or (901) 848-4134

Nashville, TN  
(615) 356-4823

Contact the national office toll free at 1-877-969-0010 for local phone numbers for Cookeville, Murfreesboro, and Tullahoma.

## **MISS Foundation**

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**(Mothers in Sympathy and Support)**

[www.missfoundation.org](http://www.missfoundation.org)  
Memphis, TN  
(901) 683-3225



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