

Facing a Challenging Prenatal Diagnosis *Web Resources*

Prenatal Support

Benotafraid.net [<http://www.benotafraid.net/>]

Offers support for couples who have received news that their baby in utero has a congenital defect from couples who have been there and decided to continue with the pregnancy.

Contact: info@benotafraid.net

My Child, My Gift: A Positive Response to Serious Prenatal Diagnosis [<http://www.mychildmygift.com/>]

This website is for a book filled with testimonies of parents that have received a serious prenatal diagnosis and decided to continue the pregnancy. The website also includes links to more resources.

Please see this link to order the book: <http://www.penitents.org/giftshopmychild.htm>

Prenatal Partners for Life [<http://www.prenatalpartnersforlife.org/>]

Support information and encouragement for carrying to term a pregnancy with an adverse prenatal diagnosis. Also includes support for raising your child with special needs after birth.

Contact: P O Box 2225
Maple Grove, MN 55311-6745
Phone: 763-772-3868
Fax: 866-870-9175
mary@prenatalpartnersforlife.org

Grief Support

Mommies Enduring Neonatal Death [www.mend.org]

Support group for women who have lost a child through miscarriage, stillborn, or infant death. Publishes bi-monthly newsletter and have meetings in Texas, Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Washington.

Contact: P O Box 631566
Irving, TX 75063
rebekah@mend.org
Phone: 972-506-9000

Alexandra's House [<http://www.alexandrashouse.com/>]

Catholic perinatal hospice and bereavement center in MO which helps families of babies who are expected to die at a very young age.

Contact: P O Box 10034
Kansas City, MO 64111
Phone: 816-931-ALEX

The Haven Network [www.thehavennetwork.org]

Perinatal hospice and bereavement center in Northern IL which helps families through the birth, short life, and death of their child.

Contact: 124 N. Water Street, Suite 030
Rockford, IL 61107
info@thehavennetwork.org
Phone: 815-962-1512

Support for Families of Children with Special Needs

National Catholic Partnership on Disability [<http://www.ncpd.org/>]

The National Catholic Partnership on Disability (NCPD) works collaboratively to ensure meaningful participation of people with disabilities in all aspects of the life of the Church and society. Their website includes ministerial support as well as links to other organizations concerned with disability issues.

Contact: 415 Michigan Avenue NE, Suite 95
Washington, DC 20017-4501
Phone: 202-529-2933; Fax: 202-529-4678

ASFHelp.com [<http://www.asfhelp.com/>]

Offers information on anencephaly and support groups.

Contact: E-mail form is available on their website.

International Down Syndrome Coalition for Life [<http://www.idscforlife.org/>]

A group promoting awareness of the number of babies with Down syndrome who are aborted and offering help and support to families and friends of people with Down syndrome and mothers who have aborted their babies.

Contact: IDSCforLife@gmail.com

Little Hearts [<http://www.littlehearts.org/>]

Offers support, resources, and education for families with children with congenital heart defects. Also offers news for people with heart defects and personal stories of families impacted by heart defects.

Contact: P O Box 171
110 Court Street, Suite 3A
Cromwell, CT 06416
Phone: 860-635-0006 (An email form is available on the website.)

Living with Trisomy 13 [<http://www.livingwithtrisomy13.org/content.php>]

Offers information about Trisomy 13 and also support for women who are facing pressure to abort their child with Trisomy 13 and help for those who have already aborted their child.

Contact: info@livingwithtrisomy13.org

News, Education and Research

American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists [<http://www.aaplog.org/>]

Offers information on different pro-life issues throughout the country and around the world from a medical perspective, as well as support for pro-life obstetricians and gynecologists.

Contact: 339 S. River Ave.
Holland, MI 49423
Phone: 616-546-2639
prolifeob@aol.com

American Journal of Medical Genetics [<http://www.cmaj.ca/content/180/7/705.full>]

Article touching upon the dangers of prenatal diagnostics leading to eugenics. "Prenatal DNA test raises both hopes and worries" by Roger Collier. March 31, 2009 vol. 180, no. 7 © 2011 Canadian Medical Association

Evangelium Vitae [http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/john_paul_ii/encyclicals/documents/hf_jp-ii_enc_25031995_evangelium-vitae_en.html]

Humanae Vitae [http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/paul_vi/encyclicals/documents/hf_p-vi_enc_25071968_humanae-vitae_en.html]