

# The Death of Our Child

For a parent there is nothing more devastating than the death of a child. There are no short cuts through grieving, some days will be better than others, grief cannot be hurried.

*This pamphlet provides some basic information on who is there to help and support you through this time.*

Warren County Coroner's Office

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The death of a child is an unimaginable tragedy. The overwhelming confusion and inability to “take-in” important information adds to this most difficult time.

The Warren County Coroner and staff are available to assist you and your families in a number of ways beginning with a brief explanation of the role of our office and the care of your child. Ohio law mandates the Coroner be notified and a medical exam be conducted on any child two years of age or younger who dies.

Your child will be transported by a representative of the Coroner’s office for this examination. In addition, the Coroner or an office representative will collect vital information in the form of records, personal effects and any other details that will assist the Coroner in determining a cause of death.

While we may know in a short amount of time what the cause and manner of death are, typically a final report is not available for six to eight weeks while routine laboratory tests are conducted. These tests are necessary to accurately diagnose what may have lead to your child’s death. If, an unknown medical or genetic condition is discovered, this information may be vitally important in the health of other family members.

We are very sorry for your loss and encourage you to contact the Warren County Coroner’s Office 24 hours a day, and we will do everything possible to assist you.

For additional support, information or assistance with arrangements, mementos, counseling, support group availability and other services for families, you may contact any of the following agencies.

### ***Atrium Medical Center***

Bereavement Coordinators

Rachel Fadden RN  
Allison Campbell RN  
(513)-974-4056  
[HEAL@premierhealth.com](mailto:HEAL@premierhealth.com)

### ***SID Network of Ohio***

1-800-477-7437

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

### ***Tri-Health***

Bereavement Coordinator

Melisse Herkins  
513-862-1163

### ***Warren County Coroner***

(513) 695-1137

or via email to:

[coroner@co.warren.oh.us](mailto:coroner@co.warren.oh.us)

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