

Other Community-Based Resources - continued

The Consortium for Trauma, Illness & Grief in Schools 753-2881

www.tigconsortium.org

A county-wide, multi-agency effort to prepare school districts to have appropriate mental health support in place during incidents of trauma, violence, illness and death. The website has materials on grief, loss and trauma.

Families and Friends of Murdered Children and Victims of Violence 262-3827

www.ffmccv.org

Provides support to individuals and families who have lost a loved one to homicide or other acts of violence. Services offered include:

911 Emergency response requests, extended support, court watch, support groups and counseling, violence prevention initiatives and volunteer/organizational/faith/Community partnerships.

Kids Adjusting Through Support (KATS) 654-5555

www.campgooddays.org

A program to provide support and educational services to children and families coping with a loss or serious illness. Trained volunteers assist families with the transition from grief to coping, to moving forward over time. KATS provides coping support groups and weekend residential camping retreats.

The Mental Health Association

325-3145

www.mharochester.org

The Mental Health Association assists people to find the tools and resources that they need to achieve and maintain mental wellness. They promote mental wellness through educational programming, referral to needed services and individualized support and assistance.

Consider reaching out to your local house of worship, school or primary care physician for support and guidance.



For information on local private practitioners contact:

NYS Social Workers

<http://www.hlppro.com/aspdocs/naswbsearch1.asp>

Genesee Valley Psychological Association

http://www.gypa.net/gypa_find.php

NYS Psychiatric Association

<http://www.nyspsych.org/webpages/phyloc.asp>

For additional information contact:

Monroe County
Department of Human Services
Office of Mental Health
1099 Jay Street, Building J
2nd Floor
Rochester, NY 14611
(585) 753- 6047

For more detailed information about mental health services and frequently asked questions, go to:
www.monroecounty.gov/mh-index.php



Coping with Sudden or Traumatic Loss:

A Guide to Community Resources



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Grief is a normal response to loss.

How you experience grief depends on the nature of the death, your relationship to the person who died, your coping style and life experience. Each person's expression of grief is unique and there is no "right or wrong" way to grieve. Sometimes additional support may be needed

The mental health and crisis services within Monroe County are designed to aid an individual or family with a range of needs. All programs work to identify your specific needs in order to best assist you in your time of grief.

Reaching out for help is an important step in beginning the healing process. Finding support is necessary to deal with grief and loss in a healthy and effective manner.



Who do I call for help?

Community Mental Health Services and Supports

Community Mental Health Clinics

Outpatient services may include crisis intervention, diagnostic/treatment evaluation and assessment, individual /group psychotherapy, play therapy, outreach, medication management, and linkage to community resources. For those without medical insurance, sliding scale fees are available.

Catholic Family Center 262-7000

Crestwood Children's Center 429-2700

Rochester General Behavioral Health:

Genesee Mental Health Center 922-7770

Rochester Mental Health Center 922-2500

Strong Behavioral Health 275-6535

Crisis Services

Services designed to provide immediate intervention to individuals and families experiencing a mental health crisis.

Rochester Community

Mobile Crisis Team 275-5151

Life Line (24/7) 275-5151

Other Community-Based Resources

After Suicide 265-0449

A bi-monthly peer support group for survivors dealing with grief and loss of a loved one.

**American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
AFSP – Western New York**

www.afsp.org 202-2783

A focus on suicide prevention outreach and education. Provides in-home support for survivors.

A Caring Place 475-8800

Provides a safe place for children, teens and families to come to receive support and to learn effective ways of coping with feelings and experiences of loss. An eight week support group program, divided by age, offers structured activities to foster understanding and healing, builds communication skills and encourages expression of challenging feelings.



**The Center for Compassion &
Healing at Lifetime Care**

www.lifetimecare.org 475-8800

A "whole person" philosophy to supporting individuals dealing with the loss of a loved one or dealing with everyday life. The range of services are provided through one-on-one or group interaction. Those services include: Massage therapy, Acupuncture, instruction in Yoga, Tai Chi, or Nia & Qi Gong, counseling, music therapy, and art therapy.