



Infants Remembered In Silence, Inc.

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Join us for this touching

Advocate Training Conference



2012 IRIS Advocate Training Conference

The *premier* training event of the year!

“Extend Infant/Child Death Services across the Country”

Presented by

Infants Remembered In Silence, Inc.

October 5 – 7, 2012

Gainey Conference Center
Owatonna, MN





Why Attend the IRIS Advocate Training Conference?

This IRIS Advocate Training Conference is the premier training event of the year. The Conference provides a rich learning environment for both professionals and those who have experienced this great loss themselves and now wish to make the healing journey better for those who currently grieve the death of a child. The training offers current and cutting-edge practices and techniques to give optimal care for the child and grieving parent(s) while allowing them to make the decisions that best fit their unique needs and beliefs regarding their precious child. IRIS Advocate training is a "hands on" training that focuses on working directly with the child that has died. The techniques you learn can be used in a hospital and/or funeral home setting. You will learn to work directly with children that have died during early pregnancy, before birth, at birth, and through early childhood, from all causes. You will learn how to assist the parents in creating keepsakes, how to answer their difficult questions, and offer support for years to come.

Our blueprint for success is simple

Small class sizes, one-on-one attention, instructors with "Real-World" experiences in the field with a hands-on approach to learning.

Welcome

Infants Remembered in Silence, Inc. (IRIS) is excited to announce its 2012 IRIS Advocate Training! IRIS is honored to present a comprehensive, national training, geared towards bereaved parents and professionals who wish to assist newly bereaved parents and staff in a unique "Hands On" environment.

What is IRIS

Infants Remembered In Silence, Inc (IRIS) was founded in 1987 to meet the unique needs of families grieving the loss of a pregnancy, or death of an infant, or young child. In 2012 IRIS will celebrate 25 years of caring for the child that has died and his/her bereaved parents.

IRIS Mission Statement:

Infants Remembered In Silence, Inc. (IRIS), a nonprofit organization, supplements the care given by the medical, mental health, and religious communities providing resources and referral information, support and education to parents, family, friends, and professionals after a child dies in early pregnancy (ectopic pregnancy, molar pregnancy, miscarriage, etc.) or from stillbirth, neo-natal death, sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), sudden unexplained death of a child (SUDC), birth defects, illness, accident, and all other types of infant and early childhood death.

Who Should Attend?

- Those who have experienced an infant loss themselves and wish to improve the journey for those who currently grieve the death of a child
- Health care professionals
- Funeral directors
- And others who wish to support grieving families



"I truly don't know if I would have survived without IRIS. They were there when we couldn't speak; they knew what the tears meant, what our questions were, and how to help us make decisions. I don't know what we would have done without them."

~ An IRIS Parent

Continuing Education Credits

IRIS is an approved provider of Continuing Education Recognition points/hours. CEU's will be made available upon request. 17 hours of education will be provided; CEU's will be calculated accordingly. No partial contact hours will be issued.

Grant Support

Thanks to donations from the Cities97 "City Sampler" Holiday CD sales (produced by Cities97 Radio in the Twin Cities) and a Legacy of Angels Donation, we are pleased to announce that ALL Participants for this IRIS Advocate Training will receive a grant for \$455 off the \$900 registration fee. This will bring your cost for the three day training down to \$445 plus lodging.

Thanks to these wonderful grants we are able to provide all participants with nine (9) boxed clothing sets for infants 10 – 42 gestational weeks, a bereavement support packet, assorted books, and training materials at no additional charge.

Conference Goals & Objectives

- To raise awareness of the overwhelming impact infant loss has on parents, grandparents, family, friends & coworkers.
- To provide you with the skills and confidence to work with grieving parents and professional staff.
- To train you in methods appropriate for working with these precious infants/children.
- To teach you skills to create lasting memories with/without the parents participation.
- Upon fulfilling the requirements and standards as established by Infants Remembered In Silence you will be qualified as an IRIS Certified Advocate (ICA).

"When I was a kid if I got hurt my Dad would say "Well if that's the worst thing that happens to you in your life then it's not too bad." Somehow it always helped. I kept waiting for him to get to the hospital. I knew he would say it, and somehow he could fix it. When he walked into the room, he looked so sad and didn't say "If this is the worst thing that happens..." that's when it really sunk in. He couldn't fix it, he couldn't make it right. My son was dead and for the first time in my life my Dad couldn't fix it. My life was over, and I knew it."



~ An IRIS Mom

Love the Cause, but Unable to Attend

You are welcome to participate by making a tax deductible contribution to IRIS a 501(c)3 non-profit.

Families and Children

IRIS is committed to an environment conducive to learning for all conference attendees. Due to sensitivity of this training and your required time commitment, it is not suitable for babies or young children to attend. Out of respect for others we ask that children are not in the training area, meetings, or at gatherings. If you choose to bring children, please have a support person to care for them in non-training or meeting areas. We appreciate your cooperation.



Conference & Lodging Location

Gainey Conference Center
2480 South County Road 45
Owatonna, MN 55060

The Gainey Conference Center provides all of the comforts of home. From the moment you are welcomed by their attentive staff members, you will

know that you have found one of the most prestigious facilities in Minnesota. Located in Owatonna MN, just south of the Twin Cities, the Gainey Center's heritage is one of excellence and Midwest hospitality. For more information and detailed directions to the beautiful Gainey Center, visit www.stthomas.edu/gainey

Reservations

Hotel reservations will be made for you when registering for the conference. You will have a choice of a private room or sharing your room with another conference participant.

Directions & Transportation

The Gainey Conference Center is located one hour south of the Twin Cities and 40 minutes west of Rochester, Minnesota. Major airline service at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport brings the Center within easy reach of all parts of the country. NOTE: GPS navigation to the Gainey Center *will not work*, please follow the directions and map listed at www.stthomas.edu/gainey/maps

Important Conference Details

- Registrations are taken in order received with a maximum of 50 participants.
- All breakout sessions will be limited to ten participants to allow for one on one instruction.
- Lodging fee will be paid with conference registration.
- Register now so that you can reserve your spot for this premier training event!

Registration, Cancellation, and Refund Policy

- Registration fee must be paid in full by September 1, 2012.
- All refund requests must be submitted in writing and postmarked no later than August 25, 2012. We will refund the entire registration fee minus a \$100 administrative fee. No refunds will be given for cancellations made after the deadline.

Registration Details

Registration is extremely limited. All registrations will be processed in the order received. Those interested in attending this unique training are asked to complete the registration form below. All registrations must be prepaid to attend.

Payment options: Check (made payable to IRIS) or online with PayPal.

Registration Includes

- Hotel accommodations
- Welcome reception
- Memorial reflection area
- IRIS 25th Anniversary Banquet
- Parent, Grandparent Displays and Discussion
- Conference workshops
- Conference manual and handouts
- All meals and breaks
- Continuing education contact hours
- Exhibits
- Training and testing supplies
- Nine (9) clothing sets for infants 10 – 42 gestational weeks
- Bereavement Support Packet
- Additional Books
- Book Store

Partial Scholarships available!
Please contact the IRIS office to apply.

IRIS Store, Vendor Displays, and Memorial Area Open

Friday 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Saturday 11:00 am – 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Sunday 7:00 am – 9:00 am

Daily Highlights

- Creative Memories photo editing opportunities: Do you have a picture of your precious child that you would like tubes removed from, skin problems fixed, skin/nail color alterations, etc. You are welcome to bring one (1) picture to our Creative Memories experts to enhance. There are simple techniques to edit these pictures and show the child's perfect beauty.
- Memorial/reflection area: Please bring your keepsakes to share
- IRIS Store
- Gainey Center Events (bonfire, nature walk, etc.)
- Create a memorial square for the IRIS 25th Anniversary quilt

Workshop Details

It's against the laws of nature for a child to die before their parents. In the past it was considered taboo to see, hold, touch, or talk about your child that had died. Today we know that seeing, holding, touching, and talking about the child is the beginning of healing, the beginning of moving forward, the beginning of lovingly remembering this precious child. IRIS Advocates work directly with parents, granting them permission to cry, to grieve, to ask questions, and assist them in creating memories that will last a lifetime. As an IRIS Advocate Trainee, you will be attending training workshops on:

- Parents & Grandparents Point of View: what's requested and needed, Q & A
- Doula services for grieving parents
- Preservation of the child's body
- Autopsies
- Keepsakes
- Dealing with Families: immediate and extended
- Support Groups – Listening with your heart
- Self Care for Advocate
- Legal Requirements and documentation
- Reality, where do we go from here?
- Getting advocate services into Hospitals/Funeral homes



Schedules of Events and Concurrent Workshop Sessions

To qualify as an IRIS Certified Advocate (ICA) all training sessions and events must be attended on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Friday October 5, 2012

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Registration desk open
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	IRIS Store open
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Social Hour
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Formal Dinner
8:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Parent Panel and Displays

Saturday October 6, 2012

7:00 am – 8:00 am	Breakfast
8:00 am – 11:00 am	Sessions
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Reflection and Relaxation
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Sessions
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Reflection and Relaxation
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Dinner
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Sessions
9:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Social Seasonal Event - TBA

Sunday October 7, 2012

7:00 am – 8:00 am	Breakfast
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Non-denominational Chapel and Memorial Service
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Sessions
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch and practice time
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Demonstration of Knowledge/skills learned
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	IRIS 25 th Anniversary Balloon Release
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Closing

Conference Registration Form

Please print clearly and keep a copy for your records. Registrations will be processed in the order received. Full payment must be received by September 1, 2012

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

E-mail is the preferred method for conference communication. Please be sure to carefully print your e-mail address

Organization/Hospital/Business Name: _____

Address/City/St/Zip: _____

Please describe dietary or physical needs: _____

I am registering with: _____

How did you hear about the Conference: IRIS Website Facebook, Twitter Pepsi Refresh Project Grant Conference Brochure IRIS Newsletter
 Colleague/ Friend Other: _____

Please indicate payment method: Check/Money Order Online via PayPal

Register online or mail this form with payment to: IRIS Training Conference
112 Third St NE
Faribault, MN 55021

NOTE: Payment in full must be *received* by September 1, 2012.
No registrations will be processed by telephone.

Payment Information

Conference Registration after Grants	\$ 445 per person	
Single Occupancy Room \$80 per night	\$160 per person	
Double Occupancy Room \$80 per night	\$160 per person	
Total		

Office Use Only