

Resources Abound for Families who Lose an Infant

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Bryanna Dobbs

“We don’t have a whole lot of answers as to what happened. We think it was an [umbilical] cord accident, and I kind of dealt with some low fluid problems.” (:08)

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“When we lost Ivy, we spent a few hours with her. And we didn't know what to do. We were lost. We were just in shock and confused. And we spent that time singing to her and talking to her about our family and the boys and the things that we wish we could do with her. And one thing we never thought of was reading to her.” (:26)

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Emily Ontis, registered nurse at OSF HealthCare Heart of Mary Medical Center

“It goes in the bassinet. It's just like a cooling mattress. It's quiet. It's off the side so that the parents in the family can have the baby with them in the room the whole time. Previously, if they wanted to have the baby for a long time, it would have to go back and forth from morgue to be cooled. So this way, they have that there to kind of prevent the baby from deteriorating and keeping them in the best condition.” (:27)

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“There's still such a stigma behind it. And a lot of people don't come out and talk about it. And so people don't realize that they know someone that this happened to. They know many people this has happened to. It's already isolating enough. So we always recommend support groups, having those close knit people that you can just go to with this information.” (:21)

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Austin Dobbs

“Through a healthy foundation and support system, it's really made the healing process a lot easier and made it made us stronger through it all as a family. Just opened our eyes to just every aspect of life and not taking anything for granted.” (:17)