

Study For Bereaved Parents Who Experienced A Stillbirth

This is a study on parents who have experienced stillbirth. This study will look for the relationship between the strength of grief and the parenting role (mother or father). It will also look at grief and the parent's age at the time of loss, the age of the unborn baby at the time of stillbirth, and the presence of a living child. It will also look for possible signs of Post-traumatic Growth.

This research will take place through the use of online surveys and will involve a brief screening phone call with the researcher. A few quick demographic questions and three surveys will be presented to all participants. The survey will take no more than 30-60 minutes total. The screening call will take no more than 5-10 minutes.

To be in this study, you must be between 21 and 40. You must have experienced a pregnancy loss after 20 weeks due to stillbirth. You will also see yourself as a parent who lost a child. You will be unable to be in this study if you have experienced more than one pregnancy loss. You cannot be in this study if you or your spouse are pregnant. You would not be able to be in this study if your loss occurred less than 24 months ago. You will also be unable to be in this study if you have been diagnosed with certain mental health issues. These include PTSD, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, personality disorders, or anorexia nervosa. You cannot be in this study if you are having suicidal thoughts. You cannot be in this study if you have depression or anxiety that interferes with your daily activities. You cannot be in this study if you know Kathleen Massmann.

If you would like additional information about this study, please contact Kathleen Massmann at kpenkala@capellauniversity.edu



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This research is part of the researcher's doctoral program.