

# Support groups



National  
Scleroderma  
Foundation

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## NATIONAL SCLERODERMA IN-PERSON SUPPORT GROUPS, BY STATE

### Alabama

Birmingham

[Jo Ann Bokenkamp](#)

North Alabama

[Sarah Logan](#)

### Arizona

Mohave Valley

[Carol Hayward](#)

Phoenix/Glendale

[Holly Roberts](#)

### Colorado

Southern Colorado/Caregiver  
Connection-virtual/open to all

[Gary Keschl](#)

Denver

[Barb Frodin](#)

Western Slope

[Rocky Mountain Chapter](#)

Northern Colorado

[Connie Osborn](#)

### Connecticut

Eastern Connecticut

[Tri-State Chapter](#)

Yale/New Haven

[Tri-State Chapter](#)

Metro 5-Connecticut, Northern NJ,  
Nassau/Queens, Long Island-  
virtual/open to all

[Zeba Hyder](#)

[Tiese Mahabir](#)

[Evamarie Gilbes-Cole](#)

### Delaware

Dover

[Jennifer Cropper](#)

### Florida

Central Florida

[Jan Gura](#)

[Jenn Scheinberg](#)

Palm Beach/Broward/Dade  
Counties-virtual/open to all

[Desiree James](#)

[Jessica Massengale](#)

[Meryl Parr](#)

Jacksonville

[Hannah Bose](#)

[Lorraine Meide](#)

Tampa Bay Area

[Arlene Sweeney Cornwall](#)

### Georgia

Peachtree City

[Demetra Newton](#)

[Vernita White](#)

Savannah

[Robin Edwards](#)

### Iowa

Statewide-virtual/open to all

### Kansas

Topeka Area

[Emily Morris](#)

### Louisiana

Baton Rouge

[Del Anselmo](#)

Many

[Tina Dowden](#)

New Orleans

[Joy Mitchell](#)

### Maine

Statewide

South Berwick

[New England Chapter](#)

York

[New England Chapter](#)

**Massachusetts**

Boston

[Mary McClay](#)

Fall River/Bristol County

[Donna Bernier](#)

North Shore

[Roberta Mauriello](#)[Donna Ahern](#)

Worcester

[Nancy Velleco](#)**Michigan**The Autoimmune and  
Scleroderma Support Group-  
virtual/open to all[Nancy Stephens](#)[Peggy Collins](#)**Minnesota**

North Metro

[Deanna Hokanson](#)

West Metro

[Elaine Robashkin](#)**Missouri**

Poplar Bluff Area

[Fran Atwell](#)

Springfield Area

[Gerry Robertson](#)

St. Louis Area

[Debbie Morris](#)**Montana**

Statewide

[Montana Chapter](#)**Nebraska**

Statewide

[Renee Hyde](#)**New Hampshire**

Central New Hampshire

[Cathy Legere](#)[Don Legere](#)

Southern New Hampshire

[Carla King](#)[Jean Chapman](#)**New Jersey**

Bergen County

[Zeba Hyder](#)[Tiese Mahabir](#)[Evamarie Gilbes-Cole](#)

Northern New Jersey

[Zeba Hyder](#)[Tiese Mahabir](#)[Evamarie Gilbes-Cole](#)

Young Adults/Ages 18 to 30's

[Amanda Lippincott](#)**New Mexico**Albuquerque/Teens and Parents-  
virtual/open to all[Debra Droux](#)[Jackie Martinez](#)[Maria Tafoya](#)**New York**

Albany

[Tri-State Chapter](#)

Buffalo

[Paulette Reed](#)

Long Island/Telephone Support

[Evamarie Gilbes-Cole](#)

Metro 5-New York City

[Zeba Hyder](#)[Tiese Mahabir](#)[Evamarie Gilbes-Cole](#)

Orange County

[Barbara Celnick](#)[Jodi Lynn](#)

Rochester

[Marilyn Sibley](#)[Diane Reynolds](#)**North Carolina**

Piedmont/Central

[Donna Dinkin](#)**Ohio**

Youngstown Area

[Leni Schulz](#)

Cleveland

[Lucille Miller](#)

Columbus

[Allison Fish](#)**Oklahoma**

Norman

[Karla Shelby](#)**Oregon**

Statewide

[Christina Fidalgo](#)

## **Pennsylvania**

Doylestown  
[Kelly A. Kelly](#)

Central PA  
[Dan Caruso](#)

Pittsburgh  
[Caroline Graettinger](#)  
[Tim Graettinger](#)

Reading  
[Dawn Batzel](#)

Williamsport  
[Jayne Young](#)

## **South Carolina**

Charleston  
[Sarah Budd](#)  
[Patti Newman](#)

Columbia  
[Paula Birch Billingsley](#)  
[Kristine Jensen](#)

Piedmont  
[LaKesha Williams](#)

## **South Dakota**

Sioux Falls  
[Annie Schock](#)

## **Texas**

Dallas/Fort Worth  
[Texoma Chapter](#)

San Antonio  
[Deborah Charlton](#)  
[Florence Diaz](#)  
[Christy Loeza](#)

## **Utah**

Greater Salt Lake City  
[April Torres](#)

## **Vermont**

Brattleboro  
[Ilene Wax](#)

Burlington  
[Blythe Leonard](#)

## **Virginia**

Fredericksburg/Richmond  
[Christine Hamblin](#)

Norfolk/Phone Support  
[Blythe Leonard](#)

## **West Virginia**

Huntington  
[Karen Baker](#)

Weirton/Telephone Support  
[Sandra Fennyck](#)



## **VIRTUAL NATIONAL SCLERODERMA SUPPORT GROUPS**

**Bereavement Support**  
[Ciara Diemer](#)

**Black, Indigenous, People of Color  
(BIPOC)**  
[Marilyn Sibley](#)  
[Zynovia Hetherington](#)

**Caregivers**  
[Debbie Haussler](#)

**LGBTQ+**  
[Mary Forte](#)

**Adults and Parents of Children  
with Localized Scleroderma**  
[Barbara Burke](#)  
[Angela Bledsoe](#)

**Newly Diagnosed Support Group**  
[Ron Sasso](#)

**Scleroderma Young Adults  
Seeking Connection (SYNC)  
Support Group**  
[Amanda Lippincott](#)  
[Tiaré Tolzmann](#)

**Spanish Speaking/Bilingual**  
[Monica Ramirez](#)

**The 20%: A Virtual Support Group  
for Males Living with Scleroderma**  
[Michael Bessert](#)  
[Erion Moore](#)