

PRESS RELEASE

Western Family Summit on Illicit Fentanyl Fatalities in North Carolina: A Public Safety & Justice Conference

When: Saturday, June 3, 2023, 10:30am – 3:30pm
Where: AppSki Mountain, 940 Ski Mountain Road, Blowing Rock, NC 28605 (free parking)
Why: Over 13,376 NC fentanyl fatalities in 9 years, 2013-Nov 2022 (NCOCME)
8 more NC residents die each day, which means 8 more NC families implode each day
NC is #6 in nation in fentanyl fatalities (CDC 2021)
Fentanyl is leading cause of death in NC for 18-25 year-olds (CDC 2022)
Who: Guest Speakers include 35+ NC Illicit Fentanyl Victim Families (available for interviews), NC Department of Justice, NC Legislature, NC Sheriff's Association
Rules: Private event by invitation only. Pre-registration required. Press is welcome with credentials, contact Barb Walsh (see below). Non-partisan event. No political statements or ranting. Avoid trigger word 'overdose'. Treat victims families with dignity and respect. No helium balloons. Bring solutions, not blame.
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