

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Fentvic Meetup #9 Richmond County & Adjacent NC Counties**

When: Saturday, February 24, 2024, 2:00-4:00 pm

Where: 945 Ledbetter Road, Rockingham NC. Beaverdam Community Center

Who: Fentanyl Victim Families (bring 18x20 poster of loved one), press, law enforcement, elected officials, public health advocates

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## **PURPOSE**

1. NC Fentanyl Victim Families educational networking and advocacy event
2. Spark public safety conversations within communities about the dangers of illicit fentanyl, particularly counterfeit pressed pills (Adderall, Xanax, Percocet), and access to life-saving naloxone in schools and the community

## **FACTS**

- 16,228 NC residents killed by fentanyl in 9.5 years, 2013-Sept 2023 (NC OCME Dec 2023)
- 7 out of 10 'street' pressed copy-cat pills contain lethal fentanyl additives (DEA 2023)
- 8 NC residents die each day (NC OCME)
- This means 8 more NC families implode each day.
- NC is #4 in nation in fentanyl fatalities (CDC 2023) yet #10 in population.
- Fentanyl is leading cause of death in NC for 18–25-year-olds (CDC 2022)
- 401 fentanyl fatalities combined occurred 2013-Sept 2023 in the Counties of Richmond (94), Anson (22), Hoke (65), Montgomery (47), Moore (122) and Scotland (51) source: NC State Center for Health Statistics, Vital Statistics Death Certificate Data
- Links to fentanyl fatality data. Go to [fentvic.org](http://fentvic.org) website, select **RESOURCES** tab, select **NC County Fentanyl Reports**, select **County Name** you are interested in.
  - **RICHMOND:** [https://fentanylvictimsnetworknc.org/wp-content/uploads/reports/Richmond\\_County.pdf](https://fentanylvictimsnetworknc.org/wp-content/uploads/reports/Richmond_County.pdf)
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  - **SCOTLAND:** [https://fentanylvictimsnetworknc.org/wp-content/uploads/reports/Scotland\\_County.pdf](https://fentanylvictimsnetworknc.org/wp-content/uploads/reports/Scotland_County.pdf)

**ABOUT:** Fentvic.org is a charitable nonprofit located in Wake County, NC. Fentvic.org is an action-oriented grassroots nonprofit that promotes Public Safety, Education, Justice, Advocacy, and Support of NC fentanyl victim families in all 100 NC Counties.

**RULES:** Non-partisan public event. Treat victim families with dignity and respect. Avoid trigger word 'overdose.' Prohibited: political statements/ranting, helium balloons, firearms, and alcohol. No food service, only hugs.