

Press Release



Fentanyl Awareness Day at the NC General Assembly

Be Seen ~ Be Heard ~ Be Remembered ~ Save Lives

WHEN: Wednesday 5/1/24, 10 am press conference (outside) followed by visits with their Representative and Senator.

WHERE: North Carolina Legislative Building, 16 West Jones Street, Raleigh NC 27601

WHO: NC fentanyl victim families, ally's, educators, school nurses, school counselors, health care providers, public health advocates, law enforcement, press and public. Bring hand-held photo/poster of your loved one. No signs on sticks. No banners. Register here: <https://bit.ly/FentanylAwarenessDayRSVP>

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PURPOSE

1. NC Fentanyl Victim Family's educational networking & advocacy event
2. Spark public safety conversations with elected officials about the dangers of illicit fentanyl, particularly counterfeit pressed pills (Adderall, Xanax, Percocet).
3. Access to life-saving naloxone in schools and public spaces
4. Prevent & educate on fentanyl fatalities in your district to save lives

FACTS

- 16,992 NC residents fentanyl involved fatalities in 10 years. Fentanyl fatalities occurred in all 100 NC Counties, 2013-November 2023 (NC OCME)
- 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)
- Links to NC fentanyl fatality data. Go to www.fentvic.org website, select **RESOURCES** tab, select **NC COUNTY REPORTS**, select **COUNTY NAME** you are interested in.

RULES:

Non-partisan public event. Treat victim families with dignity and respect. Avoid trigger word 'overdose.' No food service, only hugs.

Prohibited: Signs on sticks, banners, political statements/ranting, helium balloons, firearms, and alcohol.

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