

## Press Release

### **Fentvic Meetup #12 Durham + Chatham, Granville, Orange, Person & Wake**

When: Saturday, June 1, 2024, 2:00-4:00 pm

Where: 406 East Trinity Avenue, American Legion Bldg, Durham NC 27701

Who: Fentanyl Victim Families, press, law enforcement, elected officials, public health advocates

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### **PURPOSE**

1. NC Fentanyl Victim Families educational advocacy & networking 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**

- 17,212 NC residents killed by fentanyl in 10 years, 2013-2023 (NC OCME)
- 7 out of 10 'street' pressed copy-cat pills contain lethal fentanyl additives (DEA 2023)
- 10 NC residents die each day (NC OCME)
- This means 10 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)
- 1,534 fatalities occurred 2013-March 2023 (source: NC State Center for Health Statistics, Vital Statistics Death Certificate Data) in the Counties of Durham(365), Chatham(76), Granville(77), Orange(113), Person (36), and Wake (867).
- Links to fentanyl fatality data. Go to [fentvic.org](http://fentvic.org) website, select **RESOURCES** tab, select **NC COUNTY REPORTS**, select **COUNTY NAME** you are interested in.
  - **DURHAM:** [https://fentanylvictimsnetworknc.org/wp-content/uploads/reports/Durham\\_County.pdf](https://fentanylvictimsnetworknc.org/wp-content/uploads/reports/Durham_County.pdf)
  - **CHATHAM:** [https://fentanylvictimsnetworknc.org/wp-content/uploads/reports/Chatham\\_County.pdf](https://fentanylvictimsnetworknc.org/wp-content/uploads/reports/Chatham_County.pdf)
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**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 event. Treat victim families with dignity and respect. Avoid trigger word 'overdose.' Prohibited: political statements/ranting, helium balloons, firearms, and alcohol.