

# Family Summit on Illicit Fentanyl Fatalities in North Carolina

## A Public Safety & Justice Conference

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Hosted by: Fentanyl Victims Network™ of North Carolina & Forgotten Victims of North Carolina

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Saturday, March 4, 2023, 11am - 4pm McKimmon Conference and Training Center 1101 Gorman Street, Raleigh, NC

11:00	Opening Remarks	Barb Walsh, Executive Director, Fentanyl Victims Network™ of NC Mother of Fentanyl Victim Sophia Walsh, 24
11:05	Victim Introductions	All Survivors Attending the Conference
11:30	Child Survivors Speak Out	Taylor Marie Duff (6) & Cameron Parrott (6)
11:40	Sibling Survivors Speak Out	Jordan Hale (18) & Kamaya Duff (28)
11:50	Parent Survivor of Teen Victim	Tracy Ross, Mother of Fentanyl Victim Abigail Saunderson, 16
12:00	Introduction	Allena Hale, Chapter Director, Forgotten Victims Eastern NC Mother of Fentanyl Victim Michael ‘Mikey’ Boyd, 22
	Parent Survivor of Young Adult Victim	Patricia Drewes, Founder, Forgotten Victims of North Carolina Mother of Fentanyl Victim Heaven Nelson, 24
12:15	Parent Survivor & National Advocate on Illicit Fentanyl Poisonings	April Babcock, Founder, Lost Voices of Fentanyl Mother of Fentanyl Victim, Austen Babcock, 25
12:25	BREAK	
12:40	Introduction	Debbie Dalton, President & Co-Founder, Hunter Dalton HDLife Foundation Mother of Fentanyl Victim Hunter Dalton, 23
	<b>Keynote Speaker</b> <b>Illicit Fentanyl Crisis in North Carolina</b>	Josh Stein JD, Attorney General North Carolina Department of Justice
1:10	Introduction	Lori & Dean Ashenfelder, Founders, DJ’s Wish Foundation Parents of Fentanyl Victim DJ Ashenfelder, 31
	US Law Enforcement: How Illicit Fentanyl Arrives in NC, In What Form, and How Much Seized	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chuvalo Truesdell, Special Agent, Community Outreach, US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Atlanta Division</li> <li>• Andres Varela, Special Agent - Raleigh Homeland Security Investigations (HSI)</li> <li>• Tony Bell, Group Supervisor - Raleigh Homeland Security Investigations (HSI)</li> </ul>
1:30	Introduction	Robert Mosco, Chapter Director, Forgotten Victims Hoke, Cumberland, Robeson, and Moore Counties Father of Fentanyl Victim Vincent Mosco, 31
	Components of Successful Investigations, Prosecutions, and Law Enforcement Training Needed for Illicit Fentanyl Homicide Cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sheriff Wayne Coats, Harnett County Sheriff’s Office</li> <li>• Lieutenant Josh Christensen, Narcotics, Harnett County Sheriff’s Office</li> <li>• Suzanne Matthews JD, District Attorney, Prosecutorial District 12, Harnett &amp; Lee County, NC</li> </ul>

2:15	African Americans Must Join the Fight Against Illicit Fentanyl in North Carolina	Missy Duff, Founder It's Bigger Than Me – Michiko's Voice Foundation Mother of Fentanyl Victim Michiko Duff, 23
2:30	<b>Break</b>	
2:45	Introduction	Debbie Peeden, Chapter Director, Forgotten Victims Piedmont/Triad Grandmother of Fentanyl Victim Ashley Whaby, 23
	Turning Pain into Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lori &amp; Dean Ashenfelder, DJ's Wish Foundation</li> <li>• Debbie Dalton, The Hunter Dalton HDLife Foundation</li> <li>• Missy Duff, It's Bigger Than Me - Michiko's Voice Foundation</li> <li>• Patricia Drewes, Forgotten Victims of North Carolina</li> <li>• Wendy Thomas, Matthew's Voice, Forever 20</li> <li>• Barb Walsh, Fentanyl Victims Network™ of North Carolina</li> </ul>
	NC Resources for NC Survivors Provided by NC Survivors	
3:20	<b>PLANNING SESSION</b>	Facilitated by:
	How to Identify Partners & Build Bridges As We Develop & Implement Strategies to Save Lives in North Carolina	<b>TOPICS TO CONSIDER</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early Intervention Campaigns</li> <li>• Public Service Announcements (PSAs): multi-media &amp; billboards</li> <li>• NC School Based Programs &amp; Curriculum</li> <li>• County Based Efforts</li> <li>• Elected Officials: City, County, State, Federal</li> <li>• Forging Partnerships</li> <li>• Building Grassroots Networks</li> <li>• Communication Strategies</li> </ul>
3:50	Closing Remarks	Patricia Drewes, Forgotten Victims of North Carolina Barb Walsh, Fentanyl Victims Network of North Carolina
4:00	Adjourn	

**NO ONE STANDS ALONE IN NORTH CAROLINA**



**WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER**  
*ONWARD!*

13,376 North Carolinians lost their lives to illicit fentanyl in the past 9 years  
8 NC residents die each day from illicit fentanyl poisonings  
These deaths are preventable!

These deaths may be prosecutable with accurate on-scene evidence & cell phone data collection

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