

## Press Release

### Fentvic Meetup #11 Forsyth County & Adjacent NC Counties

When: Saturday, April 13, 2024, 2:00-4:00 pm

Where: Power of God in Christ Ministries. 414 Mason Street. Winston-Salem NC 27101

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

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#### **PURPOSE**

1. NC Fentanyl Victim Families educational advocacy and 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**

- 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)
- 2,123 fatalities occurred 2013-Sept 2023 (source: NC State Center for Health Statistics, Vital Statistics Death Certificate Data) in the Counties of Forsyth(598), Davidson(371), Guilford(795), Rockingham(203), Stokes(95), and Yadkin(61).
- 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.

- **FORSYTH:** [https://fentanylvictimsnetworknc.org/wp-content/uploads/reports/Forsyth\\_County.pdf](https://fentanylvictimsnetworknc.org/wp-content/uploads/reports/Forsyth_County.pdf)
- **DAVIDSON:** [https://fentanylvictimsnetworknc.org/wp-content/uploads/reports/Davidson\\_County.pdf](https://fentanylvictimsnetworknc.org/wp-content/uploads/reports/Davidson_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. No food service, only hugs.