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| **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**August 24, 2015Contact:Tessie Castillo919-809-7718tswopecastillo@gmail.com https://app.icontact.com/icp/static/images/socialmedia/fb-like-49x20.png  https://app.icontact.com/icp/static/images/socialmedia/twitter-tweet-55x20.png  https://app.icontact.com/icp/static/images/socialmedia/google-plus-one-32x20.png  https://app.icontact.com/icp/static/images/socialmedia/lnkdin-share-55x20.png On August 31, 2015, the North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition (NCHRC) and its allies will partner to host a series of events in the state in solidarity with International Overdose Awareness Day. The NCHRC is a statewide nonprofit dedicated to reducing drug overdose deaths through legislative advocacy, broad coalition building with community-based organizations and the distribution of more than 14,000 naloxone kits which have led to over 824 community overdose rescues.  Naloxone is a medicine that reverses opiate and opioid overdoses. Since the 2013 passage of the Good Samaritan law, lay people in North Carolina are protected from civil and criminal liability for administering naloxone to someone experiencing an overdose. In honor of loved ones who have been lost to a drug overdose, commemoration events will be held in Asheville, Durham, Fayetteville, Greensboro, High Point and Wilmington. The events will focus on remembering loved ones lost to drug overdose and discussing solutions to this problem which claims over 1,000 lives in North Carolina each year. Free naloxone kits will be distributed at all of the events and members of the public are invited to come and share their experiences with drug overdose, addiction or loss. **Events on 8/27/2015** **High Point****Event Info:** A candlelight service will be held and naloxone kits will be distributed for free to attendees.**Location:** 119 Chestnut Dr., High Point, NC  **Time:** 7pm-9pm**Contact:** Louise Vincent, 336-669-5543 or High Point Alcohol and Drug Services at 336-882-2125 **Events on 8/31/2015** **Asheville****Event Info:** Free food and naloxone will be distributed. The event will also feature speakers and remembrance activities.**Location:** Carrier Park, Asheville, 5:30-7pm.**Time**: 5:30-7pm**Contact:** Robert Childs, 336-543-8050 **Durham Open Mic** **Event Info:** Members of the community are invited to share their experiences, stories, music, art and poetry in an Open Mic.  **Location**: Carrack Art Gallery, 111 West Parrish St. Suite B (above Loaf bakery), Durham**Time**: 7-9pm**Contact**: Hyun Namkoong, 919-218-4505 **Fayetteville****Event Info:** Food trucks, music, speakers, addiction and treatment education, HIV and hepatitis testing will be available. The Mayor of Fayetteville, Nat Robertson and the Chief of Police, Harold Medlock, will attend the event to recognize the issue of overdose in the community.**Location:** Carolina Treatment Center, 3427 Melrose Road, Fayetteville**Time:** 9am-1pm**Contact:** James Sizemore, 910-514-4337 **Greensboro’s 3rd Annual Overdose Awareness Day****Location**: Greensboro Arboretum, 401 Ashland Drive, Greensboro, NC 27403**Type of Event**: Information and remembrance**Event Information**: NC Urban Survivor’s Union Presents: North Carolina’s 3rd Annual Overdose Awareness Day Event. We will have a DJ and light refreshments.  A candle light vigil for love ones lost to drug overdose. There will be Naloxone and Overdose Prevention and a remembrance board to post pictures, art, and words of love, loss and hope for the future! We will provide candles and art supplies Donations are welcomed! <http://ncurbansurvivorunion.org/> **Time**: 6:00pm to 9:00pm   **Contact**: Louise Vincent, 336-669-5543 **Wilmington****Event Information**: NCHRC will pass out naloxone kits for free to attendees.**Location**: 1611C Castle Hayne Rd, Wilmington, NC 28401**Time**: 6am-10am**Contact:** Mary Piepenbrink, 910-212-2244 http://www.nchrc.org/assets/Uploads/NCHRC-horizontal.jpg |

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