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Appalachian Mountain Community Health Centers:	amchc.org
Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College:	abtech.edu
Buncombe County:	buncombecounty.org
City of Asheville:	ashevillenc.gov
Family Preservation Services:	fpcscorp.com
Grief Recovery After a Substance Passing (GRASP):	grasphelp.org
Insight Human Services/Robert S. Swain Recovery Center:	insightnc.org
Julian F. Keith Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment Center (ADATC):	ncdhhs.gov
Mountain Area Health Education Center (MAHEC):	mahec.net
NC Attorney General's Office:	ncdoj.gov
North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition:	nchrc.org
RHA Prevention Services/Partnership for Substance Free Youth:	rhahealthservices.org
RHA Clinical Services:	rhahealthservices.org
Seek Healing:	seekhealing.org
Sunrise Community for Recovery and Wellness:	sunriseinasheville.org
Vaya Health:	vayahealth.com
Western Carolina Rescue Ministries/Abba's House:	westerncarolinarescue.org
Western Carolina Treatment Center:	westerncarolinactc.com
Western North Carolina AIDS Project (WNCAP):	wncap.org
Western North Carolina Community Health Services (WNCCHS):	wncchs.org

LET'S TALK OPIOIDS.

COMMUNITY UPDATE AND CONVERSATION ON OPIOID CRISIS RESPONSE

OCTOBER 28
5:30 - 7:30PM
U.S. CELLULAR CENTER
ASHEVILLE, NC

Opioid use and overdose continues to impact our community. We've made progress, but there is still work to do.

The goal of this event is to provide updates on the opioid crisis in Buncombe County, including local response efforts, solutions, and next steps.

5:30-6:00	Doors open Community leaders and service providers will be available for conversation before and after the event.
6:00-6:10	Welcome Rasheeda McDaniels, Buncombe County Community Engagement Coordinator Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Buncombe County Commissioner Esther Manheimer, Asheville City Mayor
6:10-6:30	State of the Opioid Crisis in Buncombe County Dr. Blake Fagan, UNC Health Sciences at MAHEC Chief Education Officer CDC Foundation NC Clinical Consultant for the Opioid Crisis Amy Upham, Buncombe County Opioid Grant Coordinator
6:30-7:00	Panel Buncombe County: Jan Shepherd, Health Director City of Asheville: Chief Scott Burnette, Asheville Fire Department MAHEC: Melinda Ramage, FNP Medical Director, Project CARA NC Department of Justice: Holly Jones, Community Partnerships/Outreach Coordinator, Public Protection Section, NC Attorney General Vaya Health: Ellen Stroud, Regional Opioid Response Coordinator
7:00-7:30	Q & A Session followed by opportunity for continued conversation Moderator: DeAngelo Collins, Community Engagement Intern

Please help yourself to refreshments. Restrooms are located near the entrance of the Banquet Hall. Free Parking is available in the Civic Center Parking Deck for event attendees. Simply ask for a parking voucher as you exit the Banquet Hall.

Special Exhibit: The Memorial Prayer Ribbon on display is composed of over 100 handwritten notes and names, created by people who have lost loved ones to overdose and substance use disorder. It is a deeply personal and poignant reminder of the many lives lost to the opioid crisis in our community.

According to recent statistics from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, opioid overdose deaths across North Carolina dropped for the first time in five years, yet the numbers from Buncombe County tell a different story.

- Over 13,000,000 opioid pills were dispensed to Buncombe residents in 2017.^[1]
- Overdose deaths in Buncombe County nearly tripled between 2015 and 2017 (38-92)^[2]
- Overdose Emergency Department visits are still on the rise as of July 2019 (163 YTD Jul '18; 180 YTD Jul '19)^[3]
- 1,044 cases of Hepatitis C diagnosed between October 2016-December 2017.^[4]
- 84% of newly diagnosed cases in Western North Carolina indicate injection drug use (IDU).^[5]