



N.C. Opioid Forum Kicks Off NCCAA Annual Conference

RALEIGH – The N.C. Community Action Association (NCCAA) will kick off its annual statewide conference, **Poverty** (“Over Poverty”), with an Opioid Forum at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at the Crown Plaza Hotel, Asheville, NC. This day-long preconference will address North Carolina’s battle with opioid addiction, as well as, prevention, education and possible solutions to reduce or eliminate our state’s opioid epidemic.

North Carolina’s Opioid Action Plan for 2017-2021, indicates that from 1999 to 2016 more than 12,000 North Carolinians died from opioid-related overdoses. It further states how this epidemic is devastating families and communities, overwhelming medical providers, straining prevention and treatment efforts.

Join community and nonprofit leaders, healthcare providers, law enforcement officials, educators, people in recovery, elected officials and concerned citizens in a conversation on identifying solutions to end this widespread problem in communities from Manteo to Murphy.

Additionally, a communitywide resource fair that is free to the public will begin at 2 p.m. and will include service providers who partner in reduction and treatment efforts. Interested community service providers should contact the NCCAA if they are interested representing their organization as a community resource during the resource fair.

Please register at <http://www.nccaa.net/2018-nccaa-conference>.

The North Carolina Community Action Association is a statewide nonpartisan association that works to empower agencies to help communities thrive.

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