

**Beyond
the Buzz.**

**TOBACCO-FREE
COMMUNITY FORUM**

Thursday, April 23, 2026

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Wake County Emergency Services Education Center

221 S Rogers Lane, Raleigh, NC 27610

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1 in 5 high school students currently use a vape product – that’s about 6 in every classroom (North Carolina Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2023). Youth tobacco use continues to be a health crisis. The Poe Center for Health Education Youth Empowerment team invites the Triangle community to think **Beyond the Buzz** at the Tobacco-Free Community Forum.

The purpose of this **FREE**, youth-led forum is to continue **working towards a healthier Wake County**. Join us as we:

- Hear from Wake County Youth through a host of powerful Photovoice projects.
- Hear from leading experts on the current trends and health impacts of vaping.
- Discuss current and future policies that facilitate tobacco-free environments.
- Create action plans for healthier schools and communities.

Beyond the Buzz is a youth-led forum focused on providing opportunities for youth, parents, and community members to hear about and participate in conversations about strategies that reduce youth tobacco use and to empower communities in the solution.

Register today:

<https://www.poehealth.org/event/wake-county-tobacco-free-community-forum-2026/>



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