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For Immediate Release:

EIU SINGLE PARENT SUPPORT GROUP SCHEDULES JANUARY/FEBRUARY MEETINGS

CHARLESTON – The Single Parent Support Group at Eastern Illinois University will resume its meeting schedule at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, in the Afro-American Cultural Center, 1525 Seventh St. (east of Old Main).

Future meetings are set to take place on Jan. 23 and 30, and Feb. 6, 13, 20 and 27.

The group was formed during the Fall 2002 semester at the request of individuals wishing for a support group for students striving for degrees while also serving as single parents.

The support group is open to all EIU students who are single parents, and children are welcome to attend the meetings. Meetings will have open dialog, with the purpose of exchanging ideas to come up with solutions to better meet the needs of single parenting students.

Guest speakers currently scheduled include Ken Baker, director of the EIU Student Recreation Center, who will discuss programs at the SRC (Jan. 23); Kathleen O'Rourke, assistant professor in Eastern's School of Family and Consumer Sciences, who will discuss services at the Child Development Lab at Buzzard Hall and how single parents can utilize those services (Jan. 30); and Kelly Miller, assistant director of Student Housing, who will discuss University Apartment (Feb. 6).

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