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For Immediate Release:

EIU TO ESTABLISH SUPPORT GROUP FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE ALSO SINGLE PARENTS

CHARLESTON – At the request of its students, Eastern Illinois University plans to reinstate a support group for those 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, as well. Meetings will have an open format.

The first gathering of the fledgling group will begin at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, in the Afro-American Cultural Center, 1525 Seventh St. (east of Old Main).

The session's guest speaker will be Angela Herrera, who will talk about her experiences as a single student parent and present some survival tips.

A second gathering, set to take place at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, at the center, will feature Deborah Schultz, an EIU Health Services nurse, who will discuss childhood immunizations.

Future discussion topics could include the EIU shuttle bus, day care at Lantz Arena and the public school system. Attendees are encouraged to contribute additional ideas.

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