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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EIU INFANT AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT LABS MOVED

CHARLESTON -- To better ensure the safety of children enrolled in Eastern Illinois University's Infant and Child Development Laboratories programs, lab activities are to be relocated from the Buzzard Education Building, currently under construction, to Klehm Hall on the EIU campus.

Although a number of safety measures are in place to ensure the safety of lab participants and others housed in Buzzard, the renovation of the facility progressed faster than anticipated prompting a more immediate relocation of the child development programs, according to Martha Brown, acting chair of Eastern's School of Family and Consumer Sciences.

"We believe that the relocation of the programs will put parents and lab staff more at ease and provide a more suitable environment for the 53 children enrolled in our programs," Brown said.

The Home Economics Education Center in Klehm Hall, Room 110, will serve as the new location for the Infant and Child Development Labs for the remainder of the academic year. Klehm Hall is located on South Seventh Street, adjacent to

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LABS RELOCATED

Buzzard.

The child development programs for the 14 older toddlers and 29 preschool-age children enrolled were scheduled to begin on Monday, but will not start until Tuesday, Sept. 3. The Infant Development Laboratory Program will begin as scheduled on Sept. 3. Parents have already been notified of the changes, Brown said.

The Infant and Child Development Laboratories are part of the academic program offerings in the School of Family and Consumer Sciences. Classes are held in the lab which provide EIU students experiential learning opportunities related to the development of young children. The two courses currently being taught in the laboratory setting will be relocated to the new Klehm location, as well, Brown said.

"We anticipate that the relocation can occur with no disruption to EIU students and with only minimal disruption of the child development programs for parents and young children," Brown said.