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ALCOHOL AND DRUG EDUCATION PROGRAM GRANT

CHARLESTON, IL.--Eastern Illinois University is expanding its alcohol and drug education programs for students with a \$114,517 grant from the U.S. Department of Education-Office of Secondary Education.

The grant will be used to expand the University's current alcohol and drug prevention and intervention measures by increasing awareness and education efforts, as well as introducing new programs.

EIU Project Director French Fraker, Assistant Professor of Educational Psychology and Guidance, and Assistant Project Coordinator Sandy Gallion, Director of Orientation and Coordinator of Alcohol, Drug and AIDS Information, said in a joint statement, "The project is significant because it reinforces Eastern's continuing commitment to a drug-free campus."

Fraker said a half-time project coordinator will be hired to oversee the coordination of the project and to provide substance abuse counseling through Eastern's Counseling Center.

The establishment of a Resource Center for drug and alcohol related information and a Student Assistance Program, operated by faculty and staff who will receive special training, are part of the planned prevention and intervention efforts, Fraker said.

Student volunteers of the University LISTEN LINE will also be trained in the area of alcohol and drug assessment and referral.

Gallion said the grant will be used to develop an educational program for students to help them recognize and understand substance abuse problems and to inform them about the variety of resources available at Eastern and in the community.

"We also want to provide a more supportive environment for students who desire a drug-free lifestyle and hope to accomplish this in part by planning more substance abuse-free activities," she said.

An important aspect of the grant project, Fraker said, includes an evaluation of the impact of these expanded services.