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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL GRANT

CHARLESTON, IL.--Parents, child care providers and employers in Coles County and five surrounding counties will soon have greater access to detailed information about child care options through a grant project at Eastern Illinois University.

Jayne Ozier of Charleston, EIU home economics professor and project director, and assistant project director Jackie Schaefer of Charleston are coordinating the \$15,000 grant project from the United Way of Chicago to develop a statewide Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) system.

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Of the state's 16 service delivery areas for CCR&R,
Eastern has been designated as service area #11, serving
Coles, Clark, Cumberland, Edgar, Moultrie and Shelby
Counties.

Ozier said, "We are now in the planning stages of the project and will begin offering services to our six-county area in January, 1991."

She said parents in Eastern's service area will be able to obtain information on access, affordability and availability of child care services within their area as a result of this project.

In addition to child care options, Eastern's project staff will provide recruitment and training information to child care providers and collect and analyze child care supply and demand data.

The project is a collaboration between United Way and the Departments of Public Aid and Children and Family Services.