

IHEC E-Newsletter

Illinois Higher Education Center for Alcohol, Other Drug and Violence Prevention
Eastern Illinois University

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Dear Friends,

We hope you're enjoying this unusual, summer-like weather! The warm air and sunshine certainly helps renew our spirits and opens us up to exciting new possibilities.

Ready to flex your professional muscles? IHEC is happy to offer [many opportunities](#) for you to strengthen your prevention programs in the coming months:

Andrea Zelinko from BACCHUS will be presenting [Step Up! Bystander Train-the-Trainer](#) program in two locations: Des Plaines in April and Charleston in June.

Brad Badgley will be [Addressing Higher Risk Drinking and Substance Misuse Among Greek-Affiliated Students](#) in April at Heartland Community College, Normal.

In May, our old friend, Peter Lake, is coming to Heartland as well, to discuss [The Dawning of a New Legal Era of College ADOV Prevention and Legal Compliance/Enforcement](#).

Also in May, Dr. George Parks will be delivering [BASICS Practitioner Training](#), a two-day workshop in two convenient locations - Oak Brook and Normal.

Watch for Randall Webber's presentation on the [New Drugs of 21st Century](#) in June. Locations are yet to be determined.

Looking for a webinar? EIU's Dr. Heather Webb and Erica Roa will present [We're Over Here, You're Over There](#): Coming together to develop a plan for town-gown community success to reduce overall alcohol behaviors. More webinars are being scheduled, keep your eye out for new topics.

Coming in June to a location near you: a Biennial Review workshop with Eric. He will go over reporting details and help affiliates prep for

Quick Links

Register Now for our upcoming events:

Affiliates Meetings

[Northern location](#)

May 21-
Chicago Hts.
Prairie State College

[Central location](#)

May 25 - Springfield
Lincoln Land
Community College

Trainings & Workshops

[Train the Trainer: Step Up! Bystander Intervention](#)

[Addressing Higher Risk Drinking and Substance Misuse among Greek-Affiliated Students](#)

["Delivering BASICS Practitioner Two Day Workshop"](#) is available in two locations:

[May 7-8](#)
Oak Brook, IL

[May 9-10](#)
Normal

Webinars

[We're Over Here, You're Over There](#)
Town/Gown issues

[EUDL 4th Quarter](#)
Online Meeting

Useful Links

[Illinois CORE Survey](#)

[EUDL Grant Resources](#)

the upcoming audit. Locations will be scheduled in the North, Central and South regions of our state.

Please contact us if you have any questions, comments, suggestions ... we'd love to hear from you!

Best wishes from the IHEC staff,

Eric, Jessica and Cherise

New Technology Aims to Prevent Drunk Driving

By [Join Together Staff](#) | April 4, 2012 | 2 Comments | Filed in Alcohol & Research

Cars and trucks one day may have built-in blood alcohol detectors, The Wall Street Journal reports. Research on the Driver Alcohol Detection System for Safety (DADSS) is progressing more quickly than expected, and could be available within eight to 10 years, experts say.

The technology could be built into a vehicle's dashboard or controls. It would check a driver's blood alcohol level, and would not start if the level were above the legal limit. Researchers developing the system are working with the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

The next goal would be to develop a commercially produced vehicle that could drive a drunk owner home, the article notes.

About one-third of drivers killed in car crashes have blood alcohol levels of 0.08 or higher, according to the [Insurance Institute for Highway Safety](#).

Devices called alcohol interlocks are already available to disable a car if the driver is intoxicated. They are primarily used for people who have been caught with blood alcohol levels above the legal limit. About 16 states require people convicted of drunk driving to install these devices in their vehicles. Drivers must blow into a tube to verify they are sober before they can start the car.

The new technology being developed would not require blowing into a tube. It could be embedded in a starter button or shift lever. A proposed federal transportation bill would give the NHTSA's

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Upcoming National Conferences

[TheUS Department of Education Higher Education Center](#) will be hosting a FREE training, "Translating Research to Practice: Overcoming Barriers to Implementing Effective Alcohol Abuse Prevention." The training will be held on April 17-

alcohol detector program \$24 million over two years. The funding would allow the agency to equip 100 or more cars with prototypes of the new alcohol detection devices. One device would measure alcohol in the driver's breath, while the other would take a reading from the driver's skin.

18, 2012 in Portland, Oregon.

The 2012 [American College Health Association Annual Meeting](#) will be held on May 28-June 1, 2012 in Chicago, Illinois. This year's theme is "College Health: Architects of Change."

QuestionCorner

Got a question?

We can help you find an answer!

Submit your questions to Jessica at jawright3@eiu.edu and we will include them in our newsletters.

Campuses from across the state can answer questions or submit ideas that we can share with you AND all of our affiliates!

This month's question is about New Prevention Professionals:

"What would you recommend to new prevention professionals as the most useful tool when starting out in the field?"

Was there a specific book, website, and/or training that you felt really connected you with your new position?"

To submit your answers on this question, please email Jessica at jawright3@eiu.edu. Thank you!

[NASPA Assessment & Persistence Conference](#) is designed to address these issues and promote student learning and success by strengthening assessment, quality improvement, and intentional persistence and retention programs. June 7 - 9, 2012

Hyatt Regency Tampa
Tampa, Florida



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