

News from the IHEC Office

The IHEC staff would like to thank everyone this year for your support and guidance! Without you none of what we do would be possible. Next year we have some exciting things planned, such as webinars, a spring retreat, school visits and training. We hope to see everyone at our various events and look forward to another year of learning, growing and connecting.

Illinois Core Alcohol and Other Drug Survey 2018

Last month we hosted the fall affiliate meeting all about the Illinois Core Alcohol and Other Drug Survey 2018. It is not too late to sign up to participate in this comprehensive and information filled survey. Please contact [Karen Miller](#) or [Hanna Hobson](#) to get your school signed up today!

If you are unfamiliar with the survey you can read the information below to explain a bit about the survey and how it can help our school. The Illinois Department of Human Services, the Illinois Higher Education Center (IHEC) for Alcohol, Other Drug and Violence Prevention, and the Core Institute together provide the Illinois Alcohol and Other Drug Statewide Core Survey. The purpose of the survey is to establish the current incidence and prevalence of alcohol and other drug use on Illinois 2 and 4-year college campuses; negative consequences associated with use; the relationship of alcohol and other drug use to campus climate issues; students' perception of others' use; beliefs regarding use; experiences of secondhand effects of others' use; experiences of physical and sexual violence; and perceptions of risk related to use. The Core Alcohol and Drug Survey is administered on a statewide basis in the spring semesters of even-numbered years.

You can also visit www.eiu.edu/CORE for additional information.

News from Around the State

[Meeting of the Minds - 2018 NASPA Regional Spring Conference](#)

Meeting of the Minds is a regional prevention and health education conference for college and university peer educators, their advisors, administrators, and campus and community law enforcement. The conference will be at the Kansas City Airport on April 5 - 7, 2018.

[Opioid Epidemic Survey](#)

As we know from our work together, solving Illinois' opioid crisis means learning what the crisis looks like in every community.

You are invited to participate in a survey about Illinois' opioid epidemic. This survey is being conducted by Advocates for Human Potential, Inc. (AHP) and the Illinois Department of Human Services/Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (IDHS/DASA) to learn more about what communities across Illinois are doing to address opioid and heroin use and overdose deaths. It will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete this survey and it is completely anonymous.

[Illinois School and Campus Safety Resource Center](#)

The Illinois School and Campus Safety Program is proud to announce the Illinois School and Campus Safety Resource Center website is now available. Featuring resources for both K-12 and higher education institutions, the Resource Center addresses topics including interpersonal violence, health and wellness, bullying, behavioral threat assessment, preparedness, legislation, and even traveling abroad safely.

Whether looking for information on radon and radiation in schools or wanting resources for hazing prevention, the Resource Center strives to bridge the gap between educators and the safety information pertinent in making our schools and campuses safer.

Upcoming Events

Webinars

Jan 11, 2018

Speaker: Beth DeRicco

Topic: TBD

Time: TBD

Jan 25, 2018

Speaker: Dave Closson

Topic: TBD

Time: TBD

Jan 31, 2018

Speaker: Alicia Battle

Topic: TBD

Time: TBD

Topic: Reexamining What We Know about African American College Student Alcohol Use

Training

[Drug Free Schools and Campuses Updates and Review](#)

Presented by Dr. Eric Davidson

The third training will be held on the Eastern Illinois University campus, keep a look out for the date and time.

As part of the Drug Free Schools and Campuses Regulations, every institution, including community colleges, nursing schools, etc. which receives Federal Funds (e.g. financial aid, Pell Grants, research grants) is required to annually notify students, staff, and faculty concerning alcohol and other drugs, maintain a program to address substance abuse, and complete a full review of their comprehensive substance abuse program on a biennial basis.

Many schools have neglected abiding by the drug-free schools regulations, and find themselves in non-compliance when audited. This workshop will review current requirements and mandates of the Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Act, including required components of the annual notification, what constitutes a substance abuse program, and best practices regarding the Biennial Review Process.

Spring Affiliate Meeting

Additional information to come!

Happy Holidays

We wish you, and your family a happy and healthy holiday season. We look forward to see everyone next year!

Closing Comments

IHEC truly values feedback from our affiliates. Your feedback allows us to continue to make improvements in order to better meet your needs. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any comments, concerns or suggestions by emailing us at ihec@eiu.edu. We are looking forward to another great year!

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