

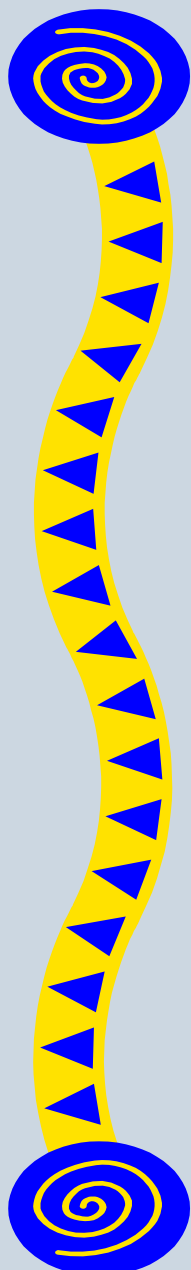


IHEC E-Newsletter

The Illinois Higher Education Center's monthly e-newsletter provides information about alcohol, other drug, and violence prevention. This information includes state and national news, grant/funding opportunities, upcoming events, and more!

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A message from our director:

Dear Affiliates and Colleagues,

It is with happiness that I can inform you that Eastern has received 3 month agreements from the Illinois Department of Human Services for both our Substance Abuse Prevention Program and Enforcing Under-age Drinking Grants. We must wait until both DHS and EIU come to a final agreement regarding some contract language changes. Until then, Jessica and Mary's lay-off notices have been deferred to July 30. We do not anticipate any difficulties in having both EIU and DHS come to agreement, and all of us are excited to be able to offer you services and programs at least until September 30, 2011.

Please see the following paragraphs below which will provide some information as to how IHEC will proceed during the first quarter, as well as what we anticipate to happen after September 30.

Substance Abuse Prevention Program Grant Impact

Once we hear word that both EIU and DHS have agreed to contract language changes we will be able to secure plans for the remainder of the first quarter. At this time, we are looking at offering several webinars, probably a day-long training to be offered in both Central and Northern Illinois regions, an affiliate meeting in both Central and Northern Illinois regions, technical assistance/consultations, and revising/updating several IHEC publications that will be available for download off of our website.

We assume that during the first quarter of FY 12, we will receive the Request for Proposal, which has been greatly talked about by DHS since last November. We intend to submit an RFP to allow us to continue services for the rest of FY12, as well as 2-5 years afterwards. Our hopes are that we will continue to be funded to offer programs and services as the CORE Survey, Affiliate Meetings, Trainings, Webinars, Consultations, etc. (continued on page 4)

Funding provided by the Illinois Department of Human Services, Bureau of Community Based and Primary Prevention.

Toolkit for Sexual Assault Response Teams

The Office of Justice Programs' Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) has released an online toolkit for communities that want to develop or improve sexual assault response teams (SARTs). Developed by the [National Sexual Violence Resource Center](#) with support from OVC, the toolkit provides information and resources for establishing and/or enhancing collaborative, multidisciplinary SARTs to respond effectively to victims of sexual assault. The toolkit reviews the basics, lays out the steps involved in putting together a SART, describes how to maintain the focus on victims, highlights SART programs throughout the country, and includes resources to use when developing and evaluating SARTs.

Visit the OVC Web site to find the [toolkit](#) and many other resources regarding SARTs and responding to the needs of sexual assault survivors.

Preventing Violence and Promoting Safety in Higher Education

The Higher Education Center is offering an online training course that will be conducted as a moderated course over a two-week period, July 18–29, 2011.

Effective violence prevention efforts require a comprehensive, coordinated set of programs, policies, and services that are research-based and adapted to local circumstances. This online training will introduce participants to a set of principles and a strategic planning process that campus and community stakeholders can use to design a comprehensive and effective violence prevention initiative. The training will touch on multiple aspects of effective strategic planning, including assessing problems on campus, using data to inform strategy design, coordinating prevention efforts, building prevention infrastructure, and working in partnerships. This session benefits participants whose primary responsibilities include violence prevention as well as other stakeholders who collaborate with violence prevention practitioners.

Register now: <http://higheredcenter.ed.gov/services/training/online-training/preventing-violence-and-promoting-safety>

Did you know??



According to the CDC, drinkers who consume alcohol mixed with energy drinks are **THREE** times more likely to binge drink (based on breath alcohol levels) than drinkers who do not report mixing alcohol with energy drinks.

Midwest Social Norms Institute 2011

Date: July 25 & 26, 2011

Time: 9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.

Location: The Radisson Hotel O'Hare– Chicago

The Midwest Social Norms Institute is two days of intensive training to enhance and expand professional skills in using the social norms approach to prevention. This workshop will provide opportunities for experienced prevention workers to move to the next level and strengthen their social norms programs, while providing those new to the field with background and skills to begin using this innovative and positive approach.

The Social Norms Approach is an evidence-based method used across the United States and in the U.K. to successfully address a variety of health and safety issues such as bullying, teen alcohol and drug use, and obesity. Organizations using the social norms approach have consistently been awarded grants from SAMHSA and the U.S. Department of Education. This two-day training will be conducted by the founders of the social norms approach, H. Wesley Perkins, Ph.D. and Michael Haines, M.S. Together, they will provide instruction and insight gained from more than twenty years of work with high schools, colleges, states and community agencies.

Please visit <http://www.wix.com/karlamoon/sni-mcyaf#!events> for more information.

CADCA's Policy Change Toolbox

CADCA's Policy Change Toolbox was developed to provide coalitions with a catalog of environmental policy changes implemented at the local level by community anti-drug coalitions from all over the United States. It supplies the user with a directory of unique and specific local ordinances, policies, and regulations that community anti-drug coalitions have worked to enact, and a description of the steps taken by coalitions to make these changes occur. Whether your coalition is well-established or just forming, CADCA's Policy Change Toolbox can be used to see what other coalitions have done in their local public policy arenas.

More information can be found by visiting http://www.cadca.org/policyadvocacy/prevention_works/policy-change-toolbox

Keep up with IHEC events through our social networking sites.
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Other Conferences and Trainings

- 2011 Montana Summer Positive Community Norms Institute is in Big Sky, MT on July 11 (Pre-Institute) and July 12-14 (Institute). Click [here](#) for more information.
 - 2011 National EUDL Leadership Conference will be held in Orlando, FL on August 10-12, 2011. For more information please visit: <http://ojjdp.dgimeetings.com/home.aspx>
 - Save the Date! BACCHUS General Assembly to be held on November 3-6. Details here: <http://bacchusgamma.org/ga-2008-intro.asp>
 - The 2012 NASPA Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Prevention and Intervention Conference will be held on January 19-21, 2012 in Atlanta, GA. Visit <http://www.naspa.org/programs/aapc/default.cfm> for more information.
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Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Grant Impact

Due to the 3 month agreement we have been given, we will be contacting those schools who have submitted EUDL proposals and asking them if they would consider rewriting their submission for a the period between early August and September 30. IHEC staff will provide financial ranges that should be considered when redeveloping proposals, once we have been able to develop budget plans for this period. Submissions would need to be returned as soon as possible. Once EIU and DHS finalize the agreement, and we're given permission to begin spending money, IHEC will process subaward agreements as quickly as possible, to try to allow subawardees to have as much time to spend during the first quarter.

At the end of September, we are confident that we will be awarded an additional agreement for our EUDL grant for the remainder of the fiscal year. Once we receive an agreement, and EIU and DHS are on the same page with contract language, we will have to undergo the same process of issuing subawards. We're assuming that schools interested in applying for EUDL funds will need to develop proposals that will run between late October and March 31. We will try to ask schools to submit these before the end of September, to allow prompt processing of subaward contracts. In a few weeks, we should be able to provide information on how much the 2nd round of proposals should be written for.

Thank you for your continued support of IHEC. We look forward to serving you over the next few months. Please contact our office at 217-581-2010 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Eric S. Davidson
IHEC Project Director