Community Life Improvement Project (CLIP) Update

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The CLIP coalition is working on planning, publicizing and executing three remaining training sessions this semester:

1. **Faculty and Staff** - how to identify alcohol and substance abuse issues with Eastern students;
2. **Law Enforcement Officers** - teach them about controlled party dispersal techniques;
3. **Liquor-License Holders** - how to identify underage youth attempting to purchase alcohol, how to spot a fake ID and other related educational topics.

CORE Survey

1. The CORE survey was administered to students, faculty/staff. The end date was March 7th.
2. The CORE survey addresses perceptions, usage and norms surrounding alcohol and drug use on campus in addition to awareness about policies and procedures related to helping people with potential dependency issues.
3. Eastern is the first state school to administer the CORE survey to faculty/staff and are very excited to see the results. DMHAS is impressed that Eastern was willing to be the first to coordinate and execute this survey to faculty/staff.
4. CORE Long Form was distributed to students and Faculty-Staff CORE to faculty/staff members.
5. Reminder emails were sent out as needed to ensure a high response rate.
6. Dr. Carlos Escoto (evaluator) will be given a hard data file of the survey results and will analyze the data and present it at a future Town Gown meeting. We will administer the CORE survey next year as well for both groups of students and faculty/staff.
7. Survey data will be used to address problem areas as they relate to alcohol and drug use on the campus; demonstrate ways that the university can educate the faculty, staff and students on responsible and legal alcohol use; and the proper procedures to make referrals for those who may have substance dependency issues.
8. Incentives/prizes have been secured and advertised.

**Marketing**
Clip window clings have been designed, ordered, and delivered. Please feel free to display yours prominently and encourage others to take the online CLIP pledge so they can get a CLIP cling as well.

Facebook and the CLIP website have been updated with pertinent information. Another email blast was sent to students about CLIP and asking them to visit the website to pledge their support. Flyers regarding CLIP have been distributed and hung around the campus and on residence hall (dorm) doors to create awareness about CLIP.

**Next Steps**
We will be planning and executing the three remaining training sessions for the following groups: Liquor License Holders, Law Enforcement Officers (LEO), and faculty/staff members. Our goal is to have the trainings completed by the end of the spring semester.

- **LEO training:** Sgt. Christopher Bartolotta, CT State Police and an expert in this area, will conduct the training on controlled party dispersal. It will take place on March 27, Johnson Room, Eastern Library, 9am-5pm. Open to all Law Enforcement Officers in CT and will be post credit certified so the officers can earn educational credit (as required by state law) for their attendance.
- **Landlord/Liquor License holders training:** Jennifer Dewitt, CT certified TIPS trainer, will conduct the training. The trainees will learn proper procedures for checking IDs and spotting fake ones, preventing underage drinking, intoxication, drunk driving, understanding liability issues and minimizing property damage due to intoxicated patrons. Date and time to be announced.
- **Faculty/Staff training:** Dr. Mercy Arias, Director of Counseling and Psychological Services at Eastern and Chief Jeff Garewski, Director of Public Safety at Eastern, will jointly give a presentation on educating faculty and staff members on problematic student behavior. This training will include ways to identify students with substance abuse issues, what to do when they present themselves in these conditions at class, and how to make proper referrals to university offices for intervention. The Police will overview some of the pertinent laws that relate to underage drinking, drug use and possession and consumption of these substances as they relate to college students. Date and time to be announced.

**Community Concerns**
- No major issues to report. Ms. Winnie Chase thanked the University for assisting her with getting students to help her with shoveling her driveway and sidewalk area. A major thank you to the Eastern Rugby team is in order!

**Upcoming Meetings:**
Thursday, March 21, 2013 Science 301, Eastern Connecticut State University
Thursday, May 2, 2013 Town Hall, Court Room, 1st floor

You may also visit the W/E CAN website, [www.easternct.edu/towngown](http://www.easternct.edu/towngown) for more information and useful links.