

**Policy No: 823**

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**Policy Title: DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE PREVENTION**

During the 1986-87 college year East Central Junior College established drug and alcohol awareness for its students. East Central Community College initiated a drug prevention program during the 1987-88 college year. This program was designed to increase students' awareness of drug and alcohol abuse.

The College's major effort in developing and implementing such a program is focused on education and prevention activities designed for all students. The goal of these efforts is to encourage non-users to continue to be non-users, to encourage occasional users to stop, and to encourage regular users to eliminate drug and alcohol use.

Early intervention programs and referral treatment services have been developed to assist students and staff with existing drug and alcohol problems. The campus-wide support network for the college's drug and alcohol prevention program includes faculty, staff, students, administrators, and community service leaders in East Central's district.

Activities regarding drug and alcohol abuse prevention include campus-wide awareness programs, residential hall programs, class presentations, personal sharing, literature dissemination, freshman orientation programs, faculty contact and involvement, and community involvement with the college's five support counties.

Program outcomes to be accomplished through these activities include the following:

- (1) to assess the drug and alcohol use on campus and determine what areas need addressing;
- (2) to offer educational and awareness programs designed for all students; and
- (3) to make referrals when conditions warrant such action.

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