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Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Violence Prevention Biennial Report

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Description of the Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD)

Program Elements

1. Alcohol -Free Options

East Georgia State College by policy provides an alcohol and drug-free environment with alcohol-free options using the following suggested strategies:

- We promote and conduct alcohol-free events and activities for our students. A
 - We have a fitness center that is available to students, faculty, and staff to promote wellness on campus. The center is open Monday to Sunday, 8:00 am to 12am; Friday and Sunday, Dailey Extended Hours 5am-8am; 8pm – 12am- Open without an attendant. Bobcat card is needed to gain entrance.
 - Athletic teams and activities on campus are Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, Baseball, and Softball. These events are alcohol free.
 - We have a freshman-year experience course that is scheduled fall and spring semesters. We have a student success course CATS 1101 required for all incoming freshman, to include a critical thinking component. We hold workshops each fall and spring semesters to provide information on alcohol and drug usage.
 - East Georgia State College offers classes on the Georgia Southern University (GSU) campus in Statesboro. East Georgia State College students who take four or more hours pay all of the GSU student services fees which enable them to receive all services with the exception of Greek life, NCAA sp01is, counseling services, and tutoring services. Counseling and tutoring services are available to EGSC students at all three campuses (Augusta, Statesboro, and Swainsboro). Student services on the GSU campus are not hosted, created, funded, or staffed by EGSC faculty and staff.

2. East Georgia State College students taking classes at Augusta University -

Summerville Campus (AU) pay all of AU student services fees, which enable them to receive all student services with the exception of Greek life, NCAA sports, and counseling services (except in an emergency situation). Counseling services are provided to students at least once a week in Augusta and by appointment by the director of counseling and disability services in Swainsboro. Student events at AU campus are hosted by, created, funded, and/or staffed by EGSC faculty and staff only by permission from Augusta University.

3. Normative Environment

- East Georgia State College promotes a tobacco-free environment by banning the use of tobacco products on our campuses.
- Freshman students are given the opportunities to attend a counseling workshop on the health risks, and the legal consequences of alcohol and drug usage in fall and spring semesters. Students are provided with information of counseling services available on campus and off campus.
- East Georgia State College requires all students to take a health class (HLTH 2051) for graduation. The course has units on alcohol, drug, and tobacco use.
- East Georgia State College partners with local agencies such as Southeastern Technical College, Emanuel Medical Center, East Georgia Healthcare, CSB (Community Service Board) of Middle Georgia, etc. to offer services to students, faculty, and staff.
- EGSC offers free tutoring services to students in selected instructional areas including mathematics and writing to students who need assistance at all three campuses (Augusta, Statesboro, and Swainsboro) through the Academic Center for Excellence (ACE). The ACE is staffed by faculty, staff, and student tutors.
- EGSC faculty and staff offer tutoring in the Bobcat Villas.
- East Georgia State College full time faculty maintain a minimum of 10 office hours a week for students who need assistance outside of class. Some faculty provide some of those hours in the ACE.
- East Georgia State College maintains a low student-faculty ratio, enabling faculty to get to know their students and to assist in making referrals to appropriate

Resources (such as the counseling center) when students are experiencing personal, career, or academic problems.

4. Alcohol Availability

- Alcohol and drugs are prohibited on East Georgia State College campus by students, faculty, and staff.
- The possession, consumption, distribution, manufacturing, or sale (without valid medical or dental prescription) of alcoholic beverages, illegal or dangerous drugs on East Georgia State College property or at institutional approved events on or off campus is prohibited.
- Alcohol advertising and promotions are not allowed.

5. Marketing and Promotion of Alcohol

- Alcohol advertising and promotion on campus are prohibited by faculty, staff, and students.
- The possession, consumption, distribution, and manufacturing, or sale (without valid medical or dental prescription) of alcoholic beverages, illegal or dangerous drugs on East Georgia State College property or at institutional approved events on or off campus is prohibited.
- Alcohol industry sponsorship for on campus events is not allowed.
- Short glasses, beer mugs, and wineglasses are not sold at the campus bookstore.

6. Policy Development and Enforcement

- East Georgia State College Swainsboro on-campus functions are scheduled through campus event planner. Swainsboro campus police department provides security for all on-campus events/activities in Swainsboro. Georgia Southern University police provide security for events for EGSC Statesboro students that occur on the Georgia Southern campus. Augusta University police provide security for events for EGSC students that occur on the Augusta University campus.
- Disciplinary violation of campus AOD policies are imposed if violation occurs. East Georgia State College Statesboro students are subject to the student code regulations for EGSC and Georgia Southern University. EGSC Augusta students

Are subject to the student code of conduct regulations for EGSC and Augusta University.

- East Georgia State College police department compiles incident reports on any student observed to be "under the influence" of alcohol or drugs. Incident reports are forwarded to the director of student conduct. The director of student conduct determines if the student needs to face consideration by the judicial hearing panel for subsequent penalty. Disciplinary sanctions for student conduct can be found in the student handbook at <http://www.ega.edu/policy/04-student-code-conduct-disciplinary-process.pdf?81418>. East Georgia State College Statesboro students are subject to EGSC Swainsboro and Georgia Southern policies. The GSU code of conduct can be found:

<https://students.georgiasouthern.edu/conduct/files/2018-2019-Code-of-Student-Conduct-FINAL-1.pdf>

This conduct addresses alcohol and drug use.

- EGSC Statesboro students attend EGSC classes in Georgia Southern University's (GSU) classrooms and have access to GSU's campus facilities and activities. The director of student conduct and Georgia Southern University's Judicial Affairs Office coordinate disciplinary hearings regarding EGSC Statesboro students on GSU's campus.
- East Georgia State College Augusta students attend EGSC classes in Augusta University (AU) classrooms; the students have access to AU's campus facilities and activities. The director of student conduct for EGSC and AU's Judicial Affairs Office coordinate disciplinary hearings regarding EGSC Augusta students on the Augusta University campus.

Statement of AOD Program Goals and Achievement Program Goals:**Program Goals:**

1. East Georgia State College will provide information (of educational nature) to students, faculty, and staff regarding health risks, legal consequences, and treatment resources.
2. EGSC will maintain AOD policies that are responsive and enforceable.
3. EGSC will provide referral information to students, faculty and staff who report or indicate a potential AOD addiction (s).
4. EGSC will provide counseling services to students who have addiction problems or will provide referral for further treatment if needed.
5. EGSC will maintain appropriate records of AOD issues.

Goal Achievement:

1. East Georgia State College formed the Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Violence Prevention Task Force in fall of 2014. The task force was formed to review and revise college policies in this area for students and employees, plan training and awareness activities and meet regularly to ensure all reporting and compliance in this area is completed in a timely manner.
2. Every fall and spring semesters the director of counseling and disability services completes a drug and alcohol/sexual assault workshop with students (freshmen). This information includes health risks and legal consequences of alcohol and drug use. Counseling and resource centers are provided at this workshop, and information on how to contact counseling and disability services is also provided. Institutional as well as legal sanctions for alcohol and drug use is communicated to students during this workshop. Employees are provided with the AOD policy during new employee orientation in the employee handbook. This information is provided in a written format in the employee handbook. The Office of Human Resources has instituted training videos (with associated quizzes) for all faculty and staff that provide information on AOD issues. There is a post-test associated with the training.
3. EGSC AOD policies are reviewed bi-annually for compliance with applicable laws and relevant student issues. These policies are reviewed by the Chief of Staff and Legal Counsel.
4. Students with alleged or reported AOD violations are referred to counselors. The counselors make an assessment to determine if such students should be

treated within the center or they need to be referred for further treatment outside of the colleges' counseling center (inpatient or outpatient AOD provider). Employees with alleged or reported AOD problems are referred to the director of human resources for assistance. During this reporting period there.

Summary of Program Strengths and Weaknesses Strengths

Strengths

- East Georgia State College has a detailed policy identifying prohibited actions on the premises of students, and procedures for addressing violation of policy.
- EGSC alcohol and drug policy is communicated to students annually through the freshman-year-experience class and mandated meeting for all residents and athletes.
- The AOD Policy for Student Athletes:
<http://www.ega.edu/policy/04-athletes-substance-abuse-policy.pdf?2102016>
- The director of student conduct reviews the college's code of conduct policy at least annually which also addresses alcohol and drug usage.
- The director of student conduct maintains records of alcohol and drug related offenses, and subsequent penalties.
- The AOD standing committee's coordinated work has contributed to the success of the programs, and the compilation of the final report.
- EGSC has three LPC to provide counseling, intervention and, assessments as needed to all three EGSC campus sites, effective Fall 2018.

Weaknesses:

- We have limited financial resources devoted to AOD program
- The number of students who are not residents in on-campus housing is more than those that are on-campus housing residents which limits the ability to effectively detect and address AOD related issues.

AOD Policy

For Students:

- Current alcohol and drug use policy for EGSC can be found at <http://www.ega.edu/policy/04-student-code-conduct-disciplinary-process.pdf?81418>

Current alcohol and drug use policy for GSU can be found at <https://students.georgiasouthern.edu/conduct/student-code-of-conduct>

Current alcohol and drug use policy for AU can be found at <https://www.augusta.edu/student-life/conduct/documents/aucodeofconduct201819>

For Faculty and Staff:

- Current alcohol and drug use policy for faculty and staff can be found at <http://www.ega.edu/policy/08-employee-alcohol-and-other-drug-prevention-policy.pdf?6418>

Policy Distribution

- The alcohol and drug policy for EGSC faculty and staff can be found online at <http://www.ega.edu/policy/08/employee-alcohol-and-other-drug-prevention-policy>
- All employees have access to the employee handbook, which includes the policy at <http://www.ega.edu/policy/08-employee-handbook.pdf?1518>

All new employees are expected to read and become familiar with AOD policy.

All employees suspected of having substance abuse issues are referred to the director of human resources. The director of human resources will refer the individual for outside treatment if deemed necessary.

The student alcohol and drug policy can be found in the student handbook at <http://www.ega.edu/policy/04-student-code-conduct-disciplinary-process.pdf?81418>

- The drug and alcohol policy is communicated to students during the student success classes.

Recommendations for Revising AOD Prevention Program

- East Georgia State College is currently utilizing an educational program on drug and alcohol which is viewed by students who are referred for mandatory

counseling for violating AOD policies. Such students are required to pay for the online course.

- Collaboration between the campus police, director of housing, director of student conduct, and others to work directly with students, is important for continued monitoring of the program. Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to report any incident of AOD policy violation.

Fall Semester, 2016

- Required Alcohol Education online education class for all new students (freshman and transfer),
- Presentation at each orientation program regarding the Alcohol and Drug Policy and the risks and effects of abusing both,
- Club-Fest - Student Organization Interest program, Mock-tails were served with information about alcohol and drug awareness,
A Simulator car was also brought to campus to show how it feels to be driving under the influence and the dangers it can hold.
- October 12 - Mock-tails were served with information about other healthy choices related to alcohol,
- October 26 - Real Talk Events - panel discussion provided by the Student Wellness Council to freshmen about a variety of topics but including alcohol and drugs,
- November 10 -Town Hall Meeting with Hope House, to support students in recovery,
- November 17th - Great American Smoke-out, day long program in connection with the American Cancer Society(ACS).
- The Director of Counseling and Disability services did a presentation on the dangers of alcohol, drugs abuse, and sexual assault to freshmen students.
CATS class on the Swainsboro campus.
- August 15 Presentation of the EGSC Code of Conduct to all Bobcat Villas (Resident Hall) students and athletes.
- Director of Student Conduct completed a Code of Conduct presentation to all CATS classes. (Freshman).
- EGSC Police Department presented Safety Issues on Campus to all CATS classes. (Freshman).

Spring Semester, 2017

- Presentation of the EGSC Code of Conduct to all Bobcat Villas (Resident

Hall) students and athletes.

- The Wellness Program on campus dealt with healthy relationships. The presentation was focused on how alcohol, drug abuse, and violence could impact relationships in an unhealthy way.
- Director of Student Conduct completed a Code of Conduct presentation to all CATS classes. (Freshman).
- EGSC Police Department presented Safety Issues on Campus to all CATS classes. (Freshman).
- Trauma Informed Sexual Assault Presentation to the EGSC Swainsboro Campus. May 17, 2017. Sherrie Alsup and Chief Wiley Gammon.
- Reality Check Game educational presentation on Title IX

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- Georgia State Patrol presentation on “Hands Free” law.
- Georgia State Patrol presentation “Driving While Distracted.
- Presentation on Students and Campus Safety
- Trauma Informed Sexual Assault: Sherrie Alsup and Chief Wiley Gammon. February 1, 2018.

EGSC Code of Conduct Violations

Reported for the period of August 1, 2016 to July 31, 2018.

	Alcohol	Arrest	Assault	Drugs
Fall 2016	3	4	2	5
Spring 2017	0	27	0	8
Summer 2017	2	6	0	6
Fall 2017	3	11	0	11
Spring 2018	8	5	3	10
Summer 2018	0	0	0	0

Additional Documentation:

http://www.ega.edu/images/uploads/CLERY_CRIME_STATISTICS_-_SWAINSBORO.pdf

http://www.ega.edu/images/uploads/CLERY_CRIME_STATISTICS_-_STATESBORO.pdf

http://www.ega.edu/images/uploads/AU_CRIME_Stats_Summerville_Campus_2016.pdf

http://www.ega.edu/images/uploads/Clery_ASR_Swainsboro_2017.pdf

http://www.ega.edu/images/uploads/Clery_ASR_Statesboro_2017.pdf

http://www.ega.edu/images/uploads/Clery_ASR_Augusta_2017.pdf

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