Questions from the October Webinar with Dr. Eric Davidson

1. May be a silly question, but does the DFSCA include tobacco prevention/cessation efforts?

Great question. Many schools do include tobacco prevention/cessation as part of their comprehensive prevention program, and thus do include some focus on these activities and policies as part of their Biennial Review. It is probably wise to do so, but being that it is not considered an illicit drug, it does not appear to be required.

2. Is there a recommendation that there be one Annual Notification for both students and staff, or is it possible to create one specific for students and one specific to staff?

There is nothing that indicates that only one document be used for both students, staff, and faculty. Many schools do use only one document, as they find it simpler and easier to manage and distribute. The key factor to remember is that all components noted within the regulations must be present:

- Standards of conduct
- Applicable federal, state, local and institutional sanctions
- Description of short and long term health risks
- List of AOD prevention and treatment programs available to students, staff and faculty
- Clear statement that IHE will impose disciplinary statements

The question an institution will need to answer is if they develop a staff/faculty notice, is there still a need to include student oriented information so that staff/faculty have some level of awareness and knowledge of components which may be needed if they are interacting with a student who has need of programs/services/etc.