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## NTIC PROJECT DIRECTOR TO SPEAK AT USI

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Jaci Feldman, a project director with the National Training and Information Center's anti-drug projects, will be in Evansville this weekend to conduct sessions designed to "Assist the Community with the Impact of Drugs, Violence, and Gangs on Youth."

Ms. Feldman, a 13-year veteran of community organizing, will speak on that topic at 11 a.m. Friday in the University of Southern Indiana's Conference Center. The program is sponsored by the Social Work Department to provide social work students with ideas on how to assist in a community program, but is open to all faculty and students.

Ms. Feldman also will conduct a program in Evansville on Saturday, sponsored by Impact Ministries, 422-7607.

The NTIC anti-drug projects include Community in Action to Prevent Drug Abuse, a national demonstration program, and Project CLEAN (Communities Linked for Education and Action Against Narcotics), a city-wide anti-drug coalition.

Feldman's responsibilities include training staff and leaders of community organizations across the country to develop and implement strategies to fight the war on drugs. She has provided training on drugs and other community issues for the Chicago Police Department, State of California, and City of Beloit, and technical assistance on legislation, using existing laws, etc., to state and public officials around the country.

Ms. Feldman is co-author with Shel Trapp of *Taking Back Our Communities* and author of the anti-drug manuals, *Strategies for a Drug-Free Zone*. She is a single parent of a 16-year-old daughter who in March 1990 was among 35 community leaders recognized by then President George Bush for her efforts in the anti-drug and crime issue.