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**MTV CELEBRITY/AUTHOR/MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER JEFF YALDEN
FEATURED AT PREVENTION NETWORK'S *TEEN INSTITUTE 2006***

Syracuse, NY—Prevention Network announced today that celebrity author and MTV “Made” television personality Jeff Yalden has agreed to be the keynote speaker at the agency’s annual *Teen Institute* retreat November 9-12, 2006. Yalden, an internationally-known youth motivational speaker, will give an address on teen leadership at this year’s event, to be held at Camp Long Point in Penn Yan, New York.

Teen Institute Retreat is a four-day, three night prevention conference for students in grades 10-12. It is designed to foster peer leadership, self-esteem, and group interaction skills with a special focus on drug and alcohol prevention. Attendees take part in workshops, social activities, and live skits that address teen issues. The retreat will begin at 2:00pm on Thursday, November 9th and end at noon on Sunday, November 12th.

Students participate in the conference as a “prevention team” representing their school, organization or youth group, along with an adult advisor. Each team pays a tuition fee allowing as many as six teens and one adult advisor to attend the weekend event. Applications must be completed and returned to Prevention Network by October 10, 2006. For additional information or for an adult advisor application, please contact Nicole Smith, program coordinator of Teen Institute, at (315) 471-1359.

Teen Institute (TI) is a national peer leadership program for high school students. The Onondaga County TI program was begun by Prevention Network in 1986 and is a member organization of the National Association of Teen Institutes (NATI).

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Prevention Network is a not-for-profit agency that educates, trains, and provides prevention services pertaining to substance use, abuse and addictions to the central New York community. For over 50 years, the agency has assisted individuals, families, schools, and businesses through helpful information and training, anonymous referrals, and support services to assure positive outcomes.

