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**PREVENTION NETWORK
HIRES
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST**

Syracuse, NYô Prevention Network hired a new prevention specialist to facilitate the growth of peer leadership within the agency and throughout the community while working collaboratively with existing youth programs in Syracuse and Onondaga County. Monica Richardson joined the staff as program coordinator for youth development. In her new position, Ms. Richardson will use proven prevention strategies and evidenced-based programs that promote healthy youth development. She was formerly employed at Community Missions in Niagara Falls, NY, as a mental health consultant to youth and families.

Ms. Richardson received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business from SUNY College at Buffalo; a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Xavier University in New Orleans; and a Masters degree in Clinical Psychology from Long Island University in Brooklyn. She is a resident of Syracuse.

A photo of Ms. Richardson is attached.

Prevention Network has been making Central New York a healthier community since 1949 through proven and measureable programs to prevent addictions and address other problem behaviors.