

MONIQUE BURR FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN PRESS RELEASE

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MONIQUE BURR FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN ANNOUNCES NEW NORTH FLORIDA PROGRAM MANAGER

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (Aug. 31, 2011) – The [Monique Burr Foundation for Children, Inc.](http://www.moniqueburrfoundation.org)

announces it has hired Stacy Pendarvis as program manager for North Florida.

Pendarvis will help carry out the organization’s mission to make a positive impact on the community, create change in the lives of families lives and give hope in the life of a child by providing safety and child abuse prevention education to all elementary school children in the state of Florida by 2015. She will also manage the Monique Burr Foundation [“Speak Up Be Safe! Florida”](http://www.moniqueburrfoundation.org) blog, which provides current, professional and research-backed information regarding child Internet safety, bullying and child abuse prevention.

“We are very fortunate to have Stacy at the Monique Burr Foundation for Children,” said Lynn Layton, executive director. “Her passion for helping children is matched by her vast knowledge and expertise in child abuse prevention.”

Pendarvis holds master’s degrees in social work and academic psychology from East Carolina University and has more than 15 years experience working for a variety of agencies in child and family services and child abuse prevention. To date, she has trained thousands of adults and children on various child protection topics, helped

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numerous communities begin their own prevention initiatives and presented at meetings, events and local and state conferences in the southeastern United States.

"I am excited to be joining an organization that has worked diligently to develop a comprehensive and research-based curriculum addressing internet safety, bullying and child abuse prevention, all critical needs facing children and society today," said Pendarvis. "I look forward to being a part of this effort and making such a significant impact in the lives of Florida's children!"

For more information about the Monique Burr Foundation, visit www.moniqueburrfoundation.org. Information is also available on Facebook.com by searching for the Monique Burr Foundation for Children, Inc. and on Twitter.com @MBFjax.

About the Monique Burr Foundation for Children

The [Monique Burr Foundation for Children, Inc.](http://www.moniqueburrfoundation.org) is a nonprofit organization created in 1997 with a mission to give hope in the lives of children by providing child abuse prevention education throughout the state of Florida. Since its inception, the foundation has contributed more than \$2 million to child-serving agencies in the region.

In 2010, the foundation reached more than 19,000 children in Northeast Florida and the Tampa Bay area with [Speak Up Be Safe™](#), a child abuse prevention education program that addresses safety from all forms of child abuse, bullying and internet dangers, as well as including tools for parents and school personnel. The program is in the process of expanding state-wide as a collaborative effort with the Office of the

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Governor of the State of Florida, the State Department of Education, the State Department of Health, the Florida Department of Children, Families and Ounce of Prevention and other sponsors and partners.

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- 1) Stacy Pendarvis, North Florida Program Manager

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