



Sharalle Richardson joins West Michigan Partnership for Children

Richardson brings community leadership experience, a passion for instilling hope in youth, and creative writing skills to serve as WMPC's Administrative Coordinator

The West Michigan Partnership for Children (WMPC) enthusiastically welcomed Sharalle Richardson as its Administrative Coordinator on August 28, 2017. Richardson is committed to serving her community, and is inspired by WMPC's mission to empower communities to create better futures for families and children. Richardson will manage the administrative aspects of WMPC's office; create a culture of welcome for WMPC's team, guests, and partners; and lend her creative writing skills and social media expertise to the development of WMPC communications.

Richardson comes to WMPC from Family Outreach Center, where she served as a Group Facilitator, educating youth on the dangers of drug and alcohol consumption. Richardson has also worked as a fifth-grade teacher at William C. Abney Academy and as an Activity Leader at United Methodist Community House. Richardson's leadership skills have been recognized at Grand Valley State University where she was appointed President of Alpha Omega Collegiate Ministries, and at Grace for the Nations, where she serves as the Educational Leader for their Sunday school program, the lead coordinator for a mentorship program for teenagers, and directing their Young Adult Ministry.

Driven by a personal commitment to instill morale, develop character, and inspire perseverance in youth, Richardson founded Mirror Me Images, an organization which mentors young women. Richardson has a B.A. in English Education from Grand Valley State University and is pursuing her Master's in Education from University of Phoenix.

On October 1, 2017, WMPC will pilot a performance-based foster care contract, utilizing a case rate that incentivizes permanency while allowing for flexibility and creativity in funds. WMPC seeks to empower and strengthen families to improve outcomes for children.