

## **Paula Davis** *Prevention Award*

Paula has long been a part of the COMBAT family and embraces the vision of a resilient community. Early on, Paula worked as a Program Monitor in the COMBAT office for two years. From there, she joined the ArtsTech team where she directly began to benefit the youth in the community.

Paula's knowledge of prevention programming and services is exceptional. Her experience in the field has made her an asset, not only to the ArtsTech organization, but to the many prevention and treatment agencies she has collaborated with over the years.

Before Paula was appointed as the Organizational Operations Manager at ArtsTech, she was the Program Director for 11 years. Over the years she has worn many hats at ArtsTech including managing more than 50 youth interns and their COMBAT grant programming staff, grant reviewer, assistant in web page development and events coordinator.

For those of us who know Paula personally, we know she keeps busy outside of her responsibilities at ArtsTech. Paula has served on the COMBAT Picnic Committee for the last 14 years and continues to assist and recruit volunteers for COMBAT Neighborhood Cleanups. She currently serves as the President of the Northwest Missouri State University Alumni Association Board and is a member of the NWMS Alumni – Kansas City Chapter, as well as the NWMS Black Alumni Chapter. These are just a few examples of the many organizations, clubs, networks and churches where Paula contributes her talents and skills. She is truly one of a kind and that's why she is COMBAT's Prevention Change Maker.