

Did you know?

- Children “playing” with fire start 100,000 reported fires in the United States.
- Yearly, fires set by youth cause an estimated 350 deaths and 3000 injuries.
- Fire protection costs and property loss attributed to youth fires exceeds \$300 million annually.
- More than 50% of persons arrested for arson are under 18 years old.
- Almost 7% of youth arrested for arson are under the age of 7.
- More than 80% of children who set fires will be repeat offenders if left untreated.
- If united, a community or region can address the needs communicated by children and youth through their firesetting behavior.

Information courtesy of the Pennsylvania State Fire Commissioner and the Pennsylvania Juvenile Firesetting Intervention Advisory Group

If you know of a child involved in firesetting:

Contact

FCJFIP

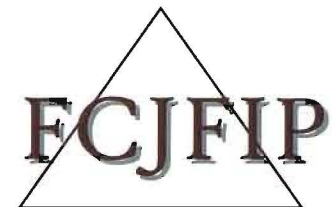
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Franklin County Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Program

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A Program for the Prevention and Mitigation of Juvenile Firesetting



REFERRALS

- If the referral is made by law enforcement, and charges are to be filed, the charges should be filed and provided to Juvenile Probation. Juvenile Probation shall meet with the juvenile and family for intake, as usual. At intake, if the juvenile is admitting, a referral would be made at that time for an assessment. If the juvenile is denying charges, the case would be scheduled for court at soonest possible date and then if adjudicated would be referred for evaluation.
- If the investigating Officer is not filing charges a referral can be made immediately for evaluation. Participation in this assessment is voluntary.
- If the police are not involved, referrals can be made directly to the FJFIP by a parent, Children and Youth, schools, other agencies, etc. Participation in these evaluations is voluntary.
- Referral forms may be obtained by calling 263-5872 or via email: [jumberger @chambersburgfire.com](mailto:jumberger@chambersburgfire.com)
- The Referral Form should be completed by the person making the Referral.
- The parent(s) must sign the Release Form, indicating their willingness to participate.

ASSESSMENTS

- The child and family are interviewed in the home by representatives from the Fire Service and Social Services that are trained in the use of a standard screening tool.
- The results of the assessment are reviewed by a Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) comprised of representatives from the Fire Service, Social Services, MH/MR, Law Enforcement, Juvenile Probation, and the school system.
- The MDT will make recommendations for treatment that may include, but are not limited to, individual and family counseling, psychological evaluation, and fire safety education.
- These recommendations are presented to the family. In cases where no charges have been filed, continued participation remains voluntary. If charges are filed and the case is adjudicated, participation may be required by the Probation Department.
- Fire Safety Education is held two to three times a year, and consists of 8 sessions. The classes require the participation of the juvenile and his/her parents. The classes are held at the Chambersburg Fire Dept. Headquarters Fire Station.

PARTICIPANTS

- Franklin County Mental Health/ Mental Retardation
- Cornell Juvenile Firesetter Program
- Chambersburg Fire Department
- PA State Police Fire Marshal
- Franklin County Juvenile Probation
- Chambersburg Police Department
- West End Fire and Rescue
- Chambersburg Area School District

The FCJFIP is a part of the
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