



# Juvenile Firesetter Intervention

Juvenile firesetting is a serious problem, regardless of the child's motivation for the fire start. Firesetting can begin at a very early age and may continue into adulthood. Recognizing juvenile firesetting early, and taking appropriate corrective measures can greatly reduce the risk of future firesetting incidences. Prevention, education and intervention are keys to reducing the problem and a juvenile firesetter program can provide an avenue for all three.

Juvenile firesetter intervention programs identify, evaluate and attempt to treat juvenile firesetters and their families, with the hope of preventing any recurrence of firesetting. For the majority of youths, firesetting is a behavioral problem that can be corrected with a combination of education and/or psychological counseling.

Please call DHFD's Public Education Manager with any questions and to schedule an interview and discussion regarding any identified risk, (520) 883-4341.