



Formerly Know As Youth Firesetting Intervention Program

Partnerships for Youth at Risk

REFERRING AGENCY GUIDELINES

The consequences of juvenile firesetting can be tragic and costly. In a typical year, fires set by children and youth claim the lives of approximately 300 people and have destroyed over billions of dollars worth of property. Children are the predominant victims of these fires, accounting for 85 of every 100 lives lost. A thorough understanding of juvenile firesetting, including why children and youth set fires, is key to curbing this destructive behavior.

MISSION STATEMENT

Partnerships for Youth at Risk provide intervention, diversion, education & prevention to youth and their families experiencing problems with firesetting and other high risk activities.

Monthly Mandated Program

Referring Agencies – State Wide:

Fire Departments, Police Departments, Department of Juvenile Justice Services, Department of Child and Family Services, School Districts, Counselors & Family Therapists, are all considered Referring Agencies.

After a Referring Agency has sent in a completed Referral Form, incident report and additional documentation to the program, parents or the legal guardians will receive a letter from us called a First Notice; this notice will explain how they register for classes. All registration is completed on-line at the website listed on the reverse page.

Referrals: All agencies must send a referral prior to the child being registered for the program. A complete referral package is required for registration, completed referrals form and copy of Incident or Arrest Report is required. An electronic copy of the referral form can be e-mailed to the agency (please use the e-mail below for this request). Clark County Juvenile Justice referrals are compiled on the Family Tracks System. Approximately 20 - 25 families registered each month for this program.

Registration: Parents or guardians must register on-line after receiving First Notice

Website: www.pfyr.org

E-Mail Address: Info@partnershipsforouthatrisk.org

Direct Line: 702-267-2284

WHO ARE OUR YOUTH?

- Children who are playing with matches, lighters, false alarms, prank 911 calls, damage fire equipment, threaten persons or buildings, fireworks, bombs, discharge fire extinguishers and other high risk activities
- Children who are curious or in crisis and are between the ages 5-17 who are experiencing at risk behaviors
- Since established in 2000 as the Youth Firesetting Intervention Program, the PFYR has seen over 2000 children and their families.

SERVICES

- 7 Days a Week On-line Information
- Fire Risk Assessment by PFYR Staff (Fee)
- Court & School Mandated Program
- Documentation of Participation
- In-Service, Consultations & Training
- Multi-agency – Multi-Services Program
- Screening and Counseling Referrals

The Class Structure

Dates: Classes are held on three Thursdays each month; participants must attend and complete all classes and required appointments. All Sessions are for both Youth & Parents/Guardians.

See Website for Specific Dates: www.pfy.org

Location: Henderson Fire Department Training Center. 401 Parkson Road, Henderson, NV 89015 (Warm Springs & Parkson Road – East of Gibson Road, near the Valley Auto Mall).

Time: 4:00 PM to 9 PM.

Doors open no earlier than **3:45pm** and are **closed at 4:15pm**. (No Exceptions)

Structure: Part 1 – 3

Parts 1-3 are information, intervention, education & dealing with choices & consequences, in a classroom environment. The program is based on building developmental assets for both youth & parent. The program works on high risk issues, not just fire issues.

Part 4

The 4th part of the program is a scheduled appointment at UMC Burn for one-on-one life safety education & a tour of the Trauma and Burn Centers.

Part 5

The 5th part of the program is a scheduled appointment with the Center for Health & Learning screening for anger, depression, suicide and high risk issues.

Part 6 (starting in 2009)

The 6th part sponsored by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, for Gang Prevention, Education, Intervention.

Part 7

The 7th part is Drug & Alcohol awareness

COMPLETION

Agencies will be notified of Successful Completion by receipt of a Certificate of Completion via e-mail as soon as the case is closed and complete. Parents receive a copy via US Mail.