An integrated, progressive, community based program

- 1. Education and prevention
- 2. **Assessment** and consultation
- 3. **Specific Intervention** through involvement with:
 - Family
 - School
 - Police
 - Courts
- 4. Targeted Treatment

for:

- Individuals
- Families
- Peer groups
- Skill Building and development of social supports

ARCH Psychological Services provides community based solutions in consultation with the Fire Department, Police Services, Youth Justice, mental health agencies and educational resources.

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Solutions for:

Problem Fire Setters



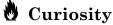
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Fire is not the only problem

- Fires are costly to property and dangerous to lives but ...
- Fire setting by children and adolescents may also serve as a signal flare a plea for help
- We must pay attention to the meaning behind the fire.
- The reasons for fire setting are varied and complex





Exploratory behavior

Failure to understand the danger of fire



For example, group "dares" or smoking in secret

💆 💆 Cry for help

Repeated impulsive fire setting

Aggressive Fire Setting

Deliberately using fire to express anger and to feel powerful

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Compulsive fire setting, often accompanied by sexual arousal or symbolic significance

Pay attention to Risk Factors*:

- Anger due to lack of childhood nurturance
- Anger due to humiliation by peers
- Being stimulated by fire
- Poor social judgment
- Lack of planning ability
- Impulsivity
- Lack of social values
- Cruelty behavior
- Aggressive Conduct Disorder



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* As documented in current research