

# Georgia Youth Firesetter Intervention Program Building Workshop



## WORKSHOP COMPOSITION

Each workshop will consist of two days of training related to forming, operating and maintaining regional youth firesetter intervention programs. Presenters are recognized state and national practitioners with expertise in youth firesetting intervention who represent various professional disciplines that deal with youth. Program elements will include the following:

- General interactive educational sessions that address:
  - Regional Concept for YFIP
  - Identifying youth firesetters
  - YFIP components
  - Program operations and management
  - Funding issues
  - Strategic planning
  - Data Collection System
  - Networking with professionals in multiple-disciplines who work collectively to prevent and mitigate the problem of youth firesetting

Participants will also have opportunity to participate in the following sessions presented by YFIP professionals:

- YFIP Screening Tool: Use of standard forms, the procedures/techniques for initial screening/interviews of youth firesetters.
- Fire Safety Education Curriculum: Overview of the importance of fire safety/prevention education and presentation of educational tools available.
- Treatment Issues: Overview of assessment and treatment methods for use with youth firesetters and their families. Recommendations will be described for interventions that are being applied in outpatient and residential settings.
- Law Enforcement Investigations and Juvenile Court Applications: Georgia laws, role of District Attorneys and law enforcement officers, juvenile justice and probation officials. Interaction with other agencies.

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Workshops are two-day events beginning at 8:00 AM and ending no later than 5:00 PM each day. Students are encouraged to not leave the workshop site until daily activities are concluded. Coffee breaks and networking lunches are provided both days. Certificates of Attendance will be mailed to participants after attendance at both days has been confirmed.

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This series of Program Development Workshops are designed as a resource and guide to assist individuals, communities and regional organizations in creating effective Youth Firesetter Intervention Programs. Community and regional Youth Firesetter Intervention Programs must be diverse in composition and include multiple disciplines that continually have contact with youth. They include: *public and private school systems, fire service professionals, mental health professionals, school social workers and counselors, children and youth social service workers, juvenile justice probation officers, law enforcement and other professionals who work with youth.* All of these professionals should be part of the planned and coordinated effort to reduce youth-set fires. These workshops are designed to provide those who seek to establish a Youth Firesetting Intervention Program in their area with the necessary tools to accomplish that goal.