

## Juvenile Firesetters Intervention

The Thornton Fire Department offers Juvenile Firesetter Diversion services. If your child is showing fire setting tendencies, we offer assistance and programs by trained fire personnel.

### Risk Indicators

If you can answer yes to any of the following questions, your child may be at risk for fire-setting behavior:

- *Has your child ever experienced a major change or stress in his or her life such as a recent loss due to health, divorce, a move, or a loss of friendship?*
- *Does your child have problems at school, such as discipline issues, learning problems, or unexplained absences?*
- *Has your child had recent changes in behavior?*
- *Does your child exhibit behaviors such as stealing, lying, and drug or alcohol use?*
- *Does your child have learning or attention-related deficits, temper tantrums, mood swings, impulsive behaviors, or excessive anger?*
- *Does your child show extreme curiosity about fire?*
- *Is your child curious about fire-starting materials like matches and lighters?*
- *Has your child ever started a fire?*
- *Does your child collect fire materials?*
- *Does your child fail to extinguish a fire that was started?*
- *Has your child ever played with fire?*
- *Has your child ever bragged about starting fires?*
- *Does your child sometimes stare at fire for long periods of time?*
- *Has your child had prior contact with law enforcement officials?*
- *Has your child ever started a fire out of anger or to harm someone?*

If you notice your child exhibiting any of the indicators above and you are concerned, please feel free to contact our Fire Administration at **303.538.7602** and ask to speak to one of our Certified Juvenile Firesetter Interventionists.