



YFPI Newsletter

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:



- **YFPI Specialist Training:**
- **Alexandria Friday, Feb. 19 at noon & all day Feb. 20**
- **Eden Prairie March 29 & 30**
- **Program manager training. Location TBD, May 2016**
- **Summer Conference July 28 & 29, 2016 Bemidji**

If you need a copy of the assessment tool, contact

Kathi Osmonson.

www.fire.state.mn.us

From the State YFPI Coordinator

Another new year is upon us and before it is here, I would like say that Minnesota is truly blessed to have so many passionate youth fire intervention professionals working toward reaching and providing intervention services for every family involved in a youth-set fire. Some exceptional efforts in 2015 include:

Chief Mike Johnson from Owatonna assisted in creating and presenting a standard operating guideline for the MSFCA to adopt and support. Thus the Youth Fire Intervention Team (YFIT) was born!

Justin Sherwood from Bemidji not only hosted our first annual YFPI summer conference where we enjoyed four national speakers and some great weather, but also secured a grant for four iPads for four of our busiest regions. The iPads will be complete with the Minnesota Model including the assessment tool and can be used throughout the region for youth fire interventions.

Sarah Mann from Maple Grove secured a full YFPI session in each of the Community Corrections Juvenile Law Enforcement sessions. She helped to author and present the material to our first class of officers this fall.

Your continued efforts for the success of this program are amazing, and the state of Minnesota is lucky to have each and every one of you.

2016 YFPI Advisory Schedule (tentative)

At our first joint meeting with the MN Fire & Injury Prevention group, we discussed having the meetings jointly and in conjunction with the Chief's Pub Ed committee, since most of us wear many hats, thus minimizing meetings.

Let's try it and reassess at our summer conference on July 28 and 29.

Feb. 10 at 1 p.m. in Savage

May 11 at 1 p.m. in Excelsior

Aug. 10 Looking for host/location

November, Looking for host/location

Youth Fire Intervention

Team Meetings and Reporting

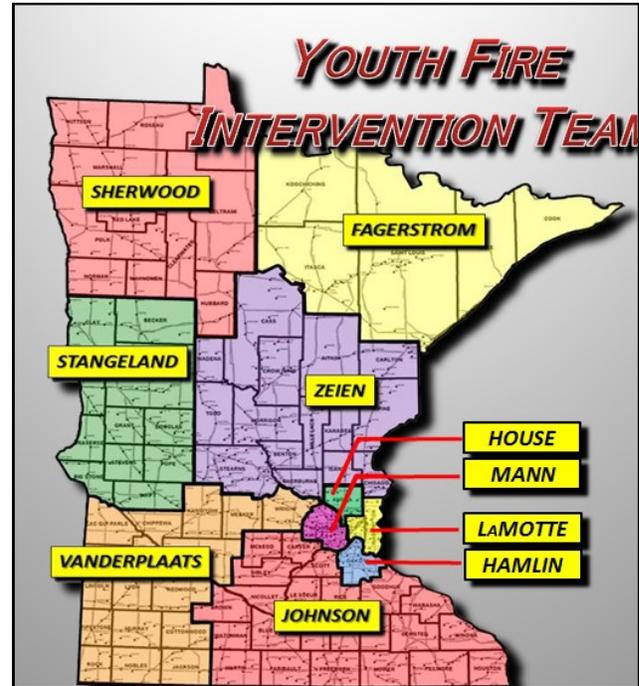
If you know someone who is interested in YFIT please let **Kathi** know.

Over the next few months meetings are scheduled throughout all of the regions. The goal is to have meetings completed with an update from every region prior to the annual summer conference and annual meeting on July 28 and 29 in Bemidji. Please plan on attending this valuable conference.

We have scheduled a presentation on motivational interviewing and possibly a special topic on finding and communicating with mental health care partners.

If you have any topics that you would like to learn more about please contact Kathi Osmonson.

The northeast and northwest teams are combining efforts for a "North" regional meeting on Jan. 8 at the Virginia fire station



located at 115 4th Ave. N. A block of rooms is reserved at the Holiday Inn Express at Mt. Iron. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Dakota County, South and Southwest YFIT Regions held their meeting earlier this month.

Please make sure that your officers are reporting youth-set fires appropriately. The only data that NFIRS considers "Youth-set" is play-

ing with ignition source or age as a factor. Keyword search for the last quarter of 2015:

Playing:	12
Age:	0
No coding:	7
Backfire:	1
Others:	11

We all know how important accurate data is.

Please share within your department.



North Regional meeting on Jan. 8 in Virginia. Everyone is welcome!"



Returning User?

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YFIRES Announcements

Sign Up to Receive Updates.

Welcome to the YFIRES Web Site

The Bottom Line on YFIRES

Tis the season to make sure all of our reporting is complete. YFIRES currently has two options:

If you are registered under YFIT, other users can see the information you enter. This should not be a problem since we are all on the same YFIT team. All of the regional coordinators have been invited to register under YFIT. For now please leave the names off of your data entry and keep them coded in your case file.

If you have your own program as a mental health professional or in another capacity, please contact your local regional YFIT coordinator to schedule the fire education portion of treatment. That information can be found on the SFMD website <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/sfm/public-education/youth-firesetting/Documents/YFIT%20map.jpg> or on the attached YFIT map. You can register individually and use YFIRES for complete case management, but you must apply to the regional YFIRES coordinator. This can be done online and the YFIRES coordinator will be able to pull only the basic data set for Minnesota quarterly reporting.

YFIRES collects a plethora of information from mental health diagnoses to social media consumption. Please enter as many fields as possible in order to do some serious projecting down the road. We also need data to prove the effectiveness of our programs and request grants or other funding.

Image Trend is still an option, however the data currently collected is minimal and not sufficient for in-depth projecting. If you would like to have the YFPI module opened please contact Kathi Osmonson. We are striving to identify all children who are starting fires and determine just how many interventions are conducted, so please enter intervention information as well as a simple fire report.

If you have questions, please contact Kathi Osmonson or your local regional coordinator for further instructions on how to accurately enter intervention data.

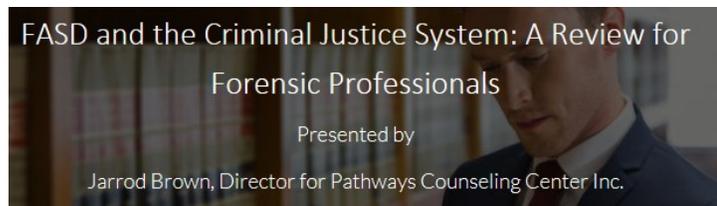
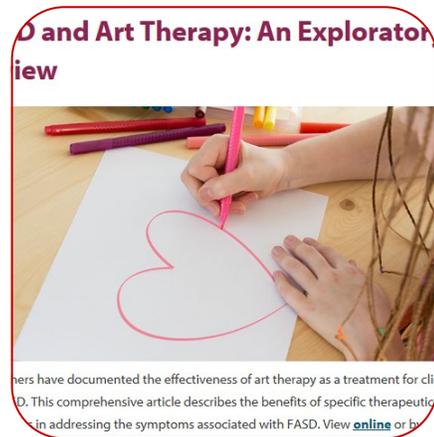
Resources:

Forensic Scholars Today has a special edition out all about FASD , signs, symptoms and options for those involved located at: <http://online.csp.edu/forensic-scholars-today/volume-1-issue-3>

There is also a free FASD webinar on Jan. 27, at <https://concept.leadpages.co/fasd-webinar-aiafs/>

MYouth Pro offers continuing education as well as free on demand trainings including “Youth Work in the Digital Age”, “Communication Styles for Courageous Conversations”, “Mandated Reporting” and many more relevant topics. To connect with these opportunities connect to: <https://myyouthpro.com/online-trainings-old/on-demand/>

Please visit the websites below for more ideas and creative information. Each photo has a link attached for your convenience.



Thanks for all that you do!



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