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SUMMARY

In the 1990's, the Town of Wallingford established a juvenile firesetter intervention program to address the concern of juvenile involved fires within our community. Originally, our program was established under the name of the Wallingford Firehawks Program. The program was established through a partnership between the Wallingford Fire Prevention Bureau and Wallingford Police Department Youth Officers Division. Lastly, the Wallingford Firehawks Program goal was to reduce property loss and to keep the juvenile, their family, and the community safe from juvenile involved fires.

As of 2022, the Town of Wallingford restructured the Wallingford Fire Prevention Bureau and Wallingford Police Department Youth Officers Division resulting in the restructuring of the Wallingford Firehawks Program. Currently, the Wallingford Fire Prevention Bureau is now known as the Wallingford Fire Department Fire Prevention Division. In addition, the Wallingford Police Department Youth Officers Division was dissolved. Due to this restructuring, the Youth Officers were absorbed into the Wallingford Youth and Social Services. As a result, the Wallingford Firehawks Program was redeveloped to reflect the restructuring of these agencies and the changing needs of children and families within our community. Currently, the program is established under the name of the Wallingford Youth Fire Prevention and Intervention Program, WYFPIP.

The WYFPIP established the following mission statement: "To identify the youth fire setting behavior, gather information on the "why" for the behavior, provide fire safety education and therapeutic referrals, where appropriate, and any other assistance needed to prevent future fire setting incidents."

The WYFPIP is for any youth, under the age of 18 at the time of the incident, who have been involved in a fire setting incident, misused fire, or used fire without the supervision or permission of a responsible adult. Incidents can also include match or lighter use without the ignition of other items or the ignition of explosive devices (i.e. fireworks or other chemical/reactive explosive devices).

The WYFPIP was redeveloped under the following references:

1. Connecticut Fire Prevention Code, 2022 Edition, adopted Code NFPA 1, Fire Code, 2021 Edition
2. NFPA 1035, Standard on Fire and Life Safety Educator, Public Information Officer, Youth Firesetter Intervention Specialist and Youth Firesetter Program Manager Professional Qualifications, 2015 Edition
3. NFPA 1300, Standard on Community Risk Assessment and Community Risk Reduction Plan Development, 2020 Edition
4. NFA Youth Fire Prevention & Intervention Level 1 Manual 2013 Edition
5. The Oregon Model for Juvenile with Fire Screening Tool, July 2007
6. YFIRES User Manual, 2/19/18 Edition

In accordance with the 2022 Connecticut Fire Prevention Code, the Fire Marshal has the authority to develop and implement a public fire safety education program as deemed necessary for the welfare of the general public with respect to the potential fire hazards within their jurisdiction. Within the WYFPIP, the Fire Marshal serves as a Program Manager and YFIRES Program Administrator.



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In addition to the Fire Marshal, the Director of Youth and Social Services receives and processes all referrals regarding youth set fires. Lastly, the Director of Y&SS is the other Program Manager of the WYFPIP and YFIRES Program User.

The WYFPIP was reestablished as a coalition of several supporting agencies including the Wallingford Fire Department, Wallingford Health Department, Wallingford Parks & Recreation, Wallingford Police Department, Wallingford Schools, and Wallingford Youth & Social Services. Further, our program is coordinated by the Wallingford Fire Department Fire Prevention Division and Wallingford Youth & Social Services. In addition, this coalition is supported by our community partners who have familiarity with and share the WYFPIP mission and goals. The community partners include the Coalition for a Better Wallingford, Spanish Community of Wallingford, Ulbrich Club House of Wallingford, and Wallingford Family YMCA. Lastly, this coalition shares the same previous goal to reduce property loss and to keep the youths, their family, and the community safe from youth involved fires.

The WYFPIP process begins with the identification of a youth involved fire. In many cases, fire service personnel responding to a fire incident will be the first to discover the youth fire setting behavior. Through the fire investigative process, the individual responsible for the fire is discovered. In other cases, supporting agencies may learn of a fire incident or an interest in fire while working with a youth or during a conversation with a family where a concern is expressed. In order to initiate enrollment into the WYFPIP, an agency referral of the youth is made from one of the supporting agencies in the Town of Wallingford. In addition, referrals can come from the CT Juvenile Justice System, CT Department of Children and Families, Medical Centers, Mental Health Services, and Child Care Facilities. Multiple agencies can be involved in the process; however, the referral should be made through one agency, or the lead agency.

Once the WYFPIP receives the referral, the WYFPIP Program Managers review the referral and conducts an intake regarding the youth involved fire. Based on case circumstances, the WYFPIP Managers may schedule an appointment to meet with the youth and custodial caregivers' to review our program. Thereafter, an Intervention Team is assigned by the WYFPIP Program Managers. The Intervention Team will consist of two (2) team members at all times. The Intervention Team will consist of a minimum of one (1) member of the Wallingford Fire Department and one (1) Non-Fire Department member. If a Non-Fire Department member is not available to serve on the Intervention Team then another member of the Wallingford Fire Department will be assigned.

The members of the Intervention Team are identified individually as Youth Fire Prevention & Intervention Specialists, who have been certified in accordance with NFPA 1035.

After review of the program by the youth and family, the Intervention Team will utilize "The Oregon Model for Juvenile with Fire Screening Tool". This tool is the screening tool that is utilized within the WYFPIP. Further, this tool is necessary in identifying the most appropriate type of intervention and appropriate services to provide to the youth and family.

After reviewing the results of the screening interview with no requirement for mental health services, the custodial caregivers' and youth may commence with the fire safety education intervention of the



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WYFPIP. The results of the screening interview and release of information will be filed in the YFIRES case file.

If the youth is required to complete a mental health evaluation prior to commencing the fire safety education of the WYFPIP, the screening interview and release of information will be delivered to Wallingford Y&SS when the mental health clinician recommends that the youth can participate in the program. Lastly, the results of the screening interview, release of information, and mental health clinician's documentation will be filed in the YFIRES case file.

The following intervention strategies and appropriate services could include but are not limited to:

Fire Safety Education includes education on fire safety, various videos to enhance discussion, and homework assignments. History of Fire, Community Impact Reports, and the Edith Plan are included as well. Sessions meet for a minimum of an hour with approximately 6 sessions. Based on the specific age and needs of the youth, the Intervention Team can modify the number, length, or content of the fire safety education intervention sessions.

As part of the Fire Safety Education Intervention, a **Home Safety Survey and Smoke Alarm Installation** may be completed prior to the completion of the program.

Mental Health Services are utilized when deemed appropriate or necessary. WYFPIP can assist families by contacting a mental health clinician identified by the State of CT Department of Children and Families (DCF) having a specialty in youth with fire-setting behaviors. In addition, Wallingford Y&SS counselors are available to provide individual meetings and group sessions for children under the age of 18 and their families. Lastly, Wallingford Y&SS can provide assistance for those families that are uninsured (high co-pays).

Crisis Assessment

Based on the Oregon Juvenile with Fire Screening Tool, a youth can be identified as needing Mental Health Services prior to beginning the WYFPIP curriculum. Prior to fire safety education beginning, the youth needs to meet with a mental health clinician. Once the youth meets with a mental health clinician, and has been given the clearance that the Fire Safety Education is appropriate at that time, then further education can take place.

If there is information that the youth and/or custodial caregivers' is in a crisis state where harm to self or others is a high concern, 911 shall be contacted.

The Emergency Mobile Psychiatric Services (211) may be contacted by the family as a referral from Y&SS, or contacted by Y&SS, if an immediate crisis concern arises or there is an ongoing state of crisis within the family.



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As mandated reporters, the WYFPIP is required to contact the Department of Children and Families (DCF) Care Line when they have reasonable cause to suspect or believe that a child under the age of 18 has been abused, neglected or is placed in imminent risk of serious harm. (CT General Statute 17a-101a).

Youth & Social Services provides programs, activities and services that promote both a positive, healthy community and develop healthy, capable young people and families. The Y&SS provides Assistance Programs including Community-wide Activities & Programs, Counseling & Education Programs, and Youth Services. Lastly, the Y&SS also provide services to families in need during times of crisis

Connecticut's Juvenile Justice System is a state level system of juvenile courts, detention centers, private residential facilities and juvenile correctional facilities. Post-adjudication services are provided by the Court Support Services Division of the Connecticut Judicial Branch and by the Department of Children and Families.

Court Mandated Cases

If a youth is charged but not yet convicted with a delinquency offense involving an act of fire starting that causes an explosion or a fire to start, regardless of whether such explosion or fire results in an injury to a person or animal or damage to property, or plans or prepares to cause an explosion or start a fire, the court may order the suspension of the delinquency proceeding for a period of up to one year and order that such child participate in the WYFPIP.

Of note: See Connecticut Public Act 19-135 "An Act Concerning the Suspension of Delinquency Proceedings for Fire Starting Behavior Treatment." (Effective July 1, 2019)

Upon completion of the program, the youth will receive a certificate of completion with the custodial caregivers' receiving a letter of completion. Further, an evaluation form will be provided to be completed by the custodial caregivers' for review of our program and Intervention Team in order to share their experience. The WYFPIP will contact the custodial caregivers' as a follow-up to provide additional assistance if needed.

Thereafter, all documentation including but not limited to the referral, intake, screening interview, fire safety education intervention sessions, homework assignments, refusals, and any other documentation related to the youth's completion of the program will be maintained and secured within a YFIRES case file.

The Director of Y&SS and Fire Marshal may review cases on a continual basis or after the youth has completed the WYFPIP. The frequency of the case review by supporting agencies and/or community partners will be contingent upon the seriousness of the case and/or difficulty of the intervention.

In order to determine overall WYFPIP effectiveness, each case shall be reviewed upon completion. Further, overall WYFPIP effectiveness shall be reviewed at the end of each calendar year.

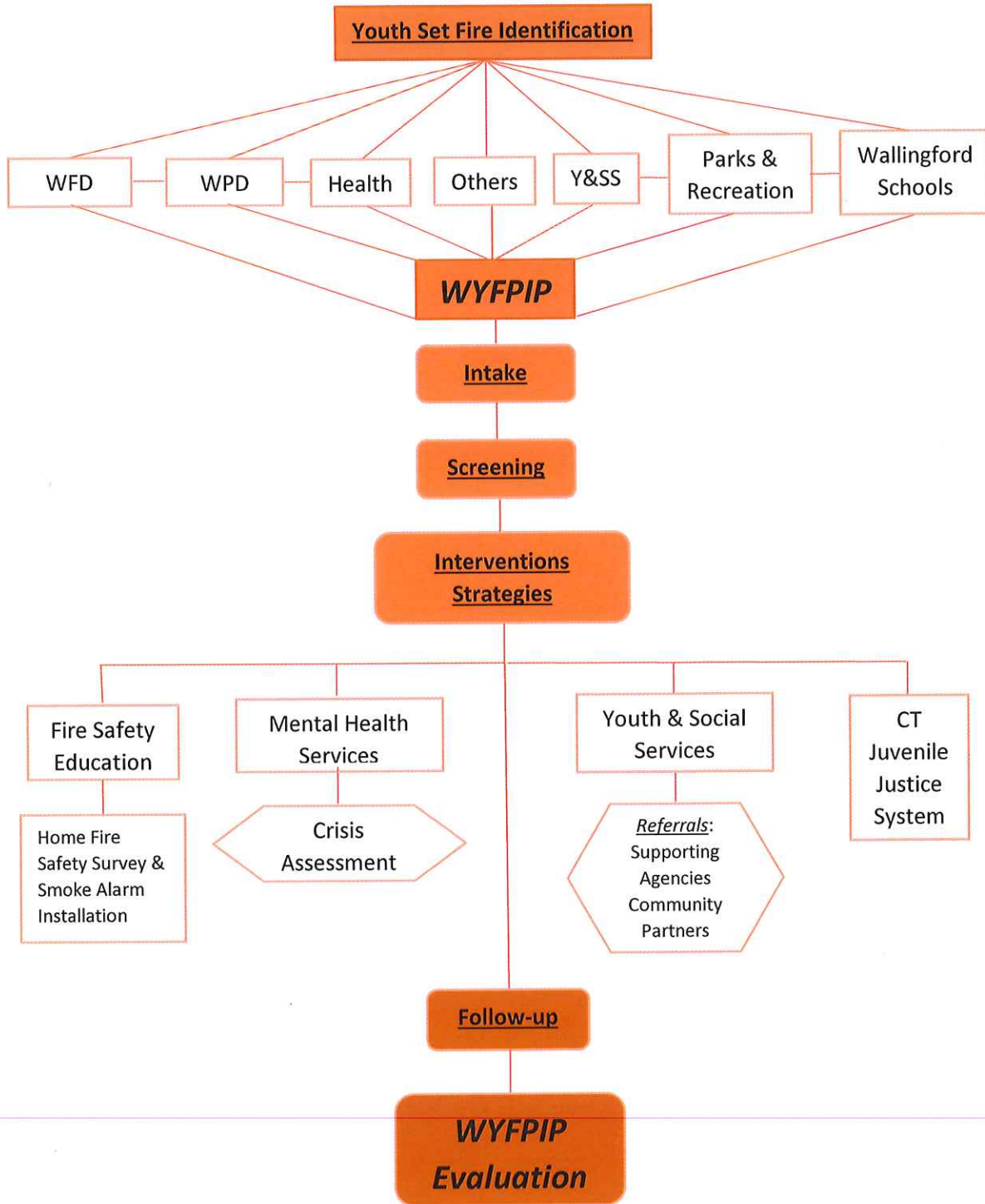
WYFPIP shall be evaluated in several ways including but not limited to the reduction of overall fires set by youths and recidivism rate. The WYFPIP will provide non-confidential data regarding the program's overall effectiveness to current WYFPIP members, support agencies, community partners, and the community.



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Flowchart





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Policy

To provide prevention and intervention for youth set fires.

Policy References

Connecticut Fire Prevention Code, 2022, adopted Code: NFPA 1, Fire Code, 2021 Edition

NFPA 1035, Standard on Fire and Life Safety Educator, Public Information Officer, Youth Firesetter Intervention Specialist and Youth Firesetter Program Manager Professional Qualifications, 2015 Edition

NFPA 1300, Standard on Community Risk Assessment and Community Risk Reduction Plan Development, 2020 edition

NFA Youth Fire Prevention & Intervention Level 1 Manual 2013 Edition

The Oregon Model for Juvenile with Fire Screening Tool, July 2007

YFIRES User Manual, 2/19/18 Edition

Scope

The program for youth set fires will be known as the Wallingford Youth Fire Prevention & Intervention Program, also known as WYFPIP. This program is for any youth, under the age of 18 at the time of the incident, who have been involved in a fire setting incident, misused fire, or used fire without the supervision or permission of a responsible adult. This includes match or lighter use without the ignition of other items or the ignition of explosive devices (including but not limited to fireworks and chemical/reactive explosive devices) The Oregon Model for Juvenile with Fire Screening Tool will be completed by the youth and family.

Program Participant's Responsibilities

Director of Youth & Social Services

Receives and processes all referrals and serves as a WYFPIP Program Manager and YFIRES Program User.

Fire Chief

Oversees the rules, regulations, policies, and procedures of the Fire Department.

Deputy Chief of Operations

Provides support for all elements of the WYFPIP.



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Fire Marshal

Responsible for enforcing statutes, regulations, and codes affecting life, property, and public protection from the hazards of unwanted fire. In addition, the Fire Marshal has the authority to develop and implement a public fire safety education program as deemed necessary for the welfare of the general public with respect to the potential fire hazards within their jurisdiction. The Fire Marshal shall serve as a WYFPIP Program Manager and YFIRES Program Administrator.

On-Call Fire Prevention Employee

Responds to youth set fires and notifies the Fire Marshal using the WYFPIP Agency Referral form.

Youth Fire Prevention & Intervention Program Manager

Manages all elements of the WYFPIP while updating and improving the WYFPIP curriculum, teaching techniques, and materials.

Youth Fire Prevention & Intervention Specialist

Trained personnel are responsible for implementing the scheduled curriculum of the WYFPIP. The Youth Fire Prevention & Intervention Specialist attends training sessions, meetings, and seminars.

Supporting Agencies

Federal agencies, State agencies, and Town departments designated to assist WYFPIP with available resources, capabilities, or expertise. See attached List.

Community Partners

Organizations providing services to youths and families. See attached List.

Intervention Team

An "Intervention Team" may be assembled by the WYFPIP for youths set fires.

The Intervention Team will consist of a minimum of two (2) team members at all times.

The WYFPIP Program Managers will assign and supervise the Intervention Team.

A minimum of one (1) member of the Wallingford Fire Department and one (1) Non-Fire Department member shall have contact with youths enrolled within the WYFPIP.

If a Non-Fire Department member is not available to serve on the Intervention Team then another member of the Wallingford Fire Department will be assigned.

The Intervention Team will be as inclusive as possible regarding diversity, equity, and inclusiveness.



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Members of the WYFPIP shall be certified as Youth Firesetter Intervention Specialist and/or Youth Firesetter Program Manager and meet the job performance requirements of such, as defined by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), 1035 Standard for Fire & Life Safety Educator, Public Information Officer, and Youth Firesetter Intervention Specialist, and Youth Firesetter Program Manager Professional Qualifications.

In accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §17a-101a, all current members of the WYFPIP shall obtain and maintain mandated reporters training through the Connecticut Department of Children and Families.

Certifications and training records of all members of the WYFPIP will be maintained with the Director of Y&SS and Fire Marshal.

The WYFPIP will make every effort to provide meetings and continuing education within the field of youth set fires for all current members.

A current list of certified Youth Fire Prevention & Intervention Specialists/Program Managers will be maintained with the Director of Y&SS and Fire Marshal.

Youth Set Fire Identification

Wallingford Health Department, Wallingford Parks & Recreation, Wallingford Public Schools, Others

Upon referral from the Wallingford Health Department, Wallingford Parks & Recreation, Wallingford Public Schools, or others that a youth has been involved in youth set fires, the Director of Y&SS shall be contacted during office hours from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, by phone, 203-294-2175, or email, m.miranda@wallingfordct.gov. The Wallingford Health Department, Wallingford Parks & Recreation, and others will use the WYFPIP Agency Referral form. However, Wallingford Schools will use the Youth Service Bureau Referral for Truancy and Defiance of School Rules form. The Director of Y&SS will notify the Fire Marshal of the referral. Lastly, if the situation appears to be a crisis, contact 911.

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Fire Scene

The Fire officer-in-charge shall notify the on-call Fire Prevention employee of a fire scene involving a youth set fire. The on-call Fire Prevention employee shall respond to the fire scene and request the Wallingford Police Department to respond to known incendiary fires originated by or involving youths. If the fire is of unknown origin or the cause cannot be determined by the Fire officer-in-charge but there are witnesses at the scene with information that could identify this fire as a potential youth set fire, the Fire officer-in-charge shall notify the on-call Fire Prevention employee. The on-call Fire Prevention employee shall respond to the fire scene. When a youth set fire has been determined, the on-call Fire



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Prevention employee shall notify the Fire Marshal by email, firepreventiondivision@wallingfordfd.com using the WYFPIP Agency Referral form. Lastly, the on-call Fire Prevention employee shall complete a fire investigation report.

Station Walk-In Referral

If custodial caregivers' come to a fire station with their youth who has been involved in youth set fires, contact the Fire Marshal during office hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, by phone, 203-294-2766. If after office hours, the Fire Marshal shall be notified by email, firepreventiondivision@wallingfordfd.com using the WYFPIP Agency Referral form. A follow-up email will be returned to the referring person with the referral forwarded to the Director of Y&SS. Lastly, if the situation appears to be a crisis, contact 911.

NOTE: TOURS OF THE FIRE STATION ARE INAPPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME. This tends to be viewed by children as a reward for negative behavior of setting fires.

Station Phone Referral

If custodial caregivers' contact a fire station by phone regarding youth set fires, contact the Fire Marshal during office hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, phone 203-294-2766. If after office hours, the Fire Marshal shall be notified by email, firepreventiondivision@wallingfordfd.com using the WYFPIP Agency Referral form. Lastly, a follow-up email will be returned to the referring person with the referral forwarded to the Director of Y&SS.

Wallingford Police Department

When a police officer is on-scene at an extinguished fire that is a youth set fire, the police officer shall notify fire dispatch of the fire incident. Thereafter, the Fire Officer-in-charge shall be notified of the fire incident by fire dispatch. The Fire officer-in-charge shall notify the on-call Fire Prevention employee. The on-call Fire Prevention employee may respond to the fire scene.

Based on case circumstances, when a police officer has completed an investigation and it involves a youth set fire, the police officer will either arrest the youth or refer the case to the WYFPIP. See page 9 regarding the CT Juvenile Justice System.

If the youth is not arrested, the police officer will complete a police report and a Referral, Non-school Youth Service Bureau form.

Following supervisor approval of the report, the report and referral form are provided to the assigned supervisor who oversees the release of juvenile complaints to the Diversion Program at Y&SS.

After review of the documents, the referral is forwarded to the Director of Y&SS for review.



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Intake

Upon receiving the agency referral, the Director of Y&SS will contact the custodial caregivers to obtain further information using the YFIRES Intake form. Thereafter, a screening appointment will be scheduled with the custodial caregivers. After scheduling the screening appointment, a screening appointment letter will be emailed or mailed to the custodial caregivers. Lastly, if a custodial caregiver contacts the WYFPIP but does not schedule a screening appointment, the Director of Y&SS will email or mail an introductory WYFPIP letter to the custodial caregivers.

Screening

Following the intake, the Director of Y&SS and Fire Marshal will determine the case circumstances and assign an Intervention Team if necessary.

Prior to the screening interview, the program shall be reviewed with the custodial caregivers' and youth. After the reviewing the program, the custodial caregivers shall provide written permission for the screening interview. If the custodial caregivers refuse permission then the custodial caregivers' will be requested to sign the WYFPIP refusal form. If the custodial caregivers refuse to sign the refusal form then the Intervention Team will notate the date and time on that form.

If the court has ordered the youth to participate in the WYFPIP and the custodial caregivers' refuse permission, the Director of the Y&SS shall be notified.

The custodial caregivers and youth may be interviewed separately or together based on the discretion of the Intervention Team.

The screening interview process will obtain information through the use of the Oregon Juvenile with Fire Screening Tool.

Based on the youth's age, developmental needs, and circumstances, other tools to obtain information regarding the youth's fire behavior (life safety questionnaire, drawings) may be employed at the discretion of the Intervention Team.

Custodial caregivers are required to complete a "Parent's Checklist" during the interview process and watch the NFPA Video "Fire's Fury" or "Fire Power" video.

The custodial caregivers will be introduced and advised of all release of information forms granting permission to the WYFPIP. The option also exists for support agencies and community partners to be listed on the release form so other service providers with which the youth is involved be informed of pertinent information related to the youth's care.



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Scoring

The screening tool will be scored according to the instructions provided by the Oregon Juvenile with Fire Screening Tool. Recommendations for further intervention will be made based upon the results of the scoring.

Youth's Score

If the total score for the youth interview is between 14 and 19, the youth will be referred to the fire safety education intervention of the WYFPIP.

If the total score for the youth interview is between 20 and 40, the youth will be referred to a licensed mental health professional for further evaluation prior to implementation of the WYFPIP. Following completion of mental health services, the WYFPIP can be implemented upon recommendation from a licensed mental health professional.

Of note: If questions, D, J, and L are answered with a 3 response, consider referring this youth for a Crisis Assessment. See page 8 regarding Crisis Assessment.

Custodial Caregivers' Score

If the score for the custodial caregivers' interview is between 10 and 15, the youth and custodial caregivers will be referred to the fire safety education intervention of the WYFPIP.

If the score for the custodial caregivers' interview is between 16 and 30, fire safety education intervention may be provided to the youth and custodial caregivers concurrently with the youth receiving mental health services.

Determining Level of Risk

After reviewing the results of the screening interview with no requirement for mental health services, the custodial caregivers and youth may commence with the fire safety education intervention of the WYFPIP. The results of the screening interview and release of information will be filed in the YFIRES case file.

If the youth is required to complete a mental health evaluation prior to commencing the fire safety education of the WYFPIP, the screening interview and release of information will be delivered to



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Wallingford Y&SS when the mental health clinician recommends that the youth can participate in the program. Lastly, the results of the screening interview, release of information, and mental health clinician's documentation will be filed in the YFIRES case file.

Intervention Strategies

Fire Safety Education Intervention

The fire safety education intervention is composed of education specific to the age and needs of the youth. In addition, the fire safety education intervention for the youth and custodial caregivers' may consist of multiple sessions of 1-3 hours in length or a single session of 2-6 hours in length. Homework assignments, including but not limited to the History of Fire, Home Fire Escape Plan, Community Impact Report, and/or other assignments shall be assigned as necessary during the fire safety education intervention. Based on the specific age and needs of the youth, the Intervention Team can modify the number, length, or content of the fire safety education intervention sessions. Further, the fire safety education intervention is intended to be followed as closely as possible. However, if the custodial caregivers' refuse the fire safety education intervention then the custodial caregivers' will be requested to sign the WYFPIP refusal form. If the custodial caregivers' refuse to sign the refusal form then the Intervention Team will notate the date and time on that form. Lastly, if the court has ordered the youth to participate in the WYFPIP and the custodial caregivers' refuse the fire safety education intervention, the Director of the Y&SS shall be notified.

As a component of the fire safety education intervention, a home fire safety survey may be conducted at the dwelling of the custodial caregivers' and youth. Prior to entering the dwelling, the Intervention Team shall obtain written consent to enter the dwelling. Further, a hold harmless agreement shall be signed to conduct the home fire safety survey. During the home fire safety survey, smoke alarms may be installed as necessary with written permission. However, if the custodial caregivers' refuses the home fire safety survey then the custodial caregivers' will be requested to sign the WYFPIP refusal form. If the custodial caregivers' refuse to sign the refusal form then the Intervention Team will notate the date and time on that form. Lastly, if the court has ordered the youth to participate in the WYFPIP and the custodial caregivers' refuse the home fire safety survey, the Director of the Y&SS shall be notified.

When the youth and custodial caregivers complete each fire safety education session and home fire safety survey, Wallingford Fire Department members shall document sessions as an Operational Task within the Activity Module of ESO Software.

Mental Health Intervention

WYFPIP can assist families by contacting a mental health clinician identified by the State of CT Department of Children and Families (DCF) having a specialty in youth with fire-setting behaviors. In addition, Wallingford Y&SS counselors' are available to provide individual meetings and group sessions



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for children under the age of 18 and their families. Lastly, the Wallingford Y&SS can provide assistance for those families that are uninsured (high co-pays).

Crisis Assessment

1. If there is information that the youth and/or custodial caregivers' is in a crisis state where harm to self or others is a high concern, 911 shall be contacted.
2. The Emergency Mobile Psychiatric Services (211) may be:
 - a. Contacted or Referred by Wallingford Y&SS and/or the youth and family if an immediate crisis concern arises or ongoing state of crisis within the family.
3. As mandated reporters, the WFPIP is required to contact the State of CT Department of Children and Families (DCF) Care line when they have reasonable cause to suspect or believe that a child under the age of 18 has been abused, neglected or is placed in imminent risk of serious harm. (Connecticut General Statutes §17a-101a)

Youth & Social Services Intervention

Wallingford Y&SS provides programs, activities and services that promote both a positive, healthy community and develop healthy, capable young people and families. The Y&SS provides Assistance Programs including Community-wide Activities & Programs, Counseling & Education Programs, and Youth Services. Lastly, the Y&SS also provide services to families in need during times of crisis.

Referrals

All referrals for additional services to support agencies and community partners will consist of a written referral form to be signed by the custodial caregivers'. If the WYFPIP is mandated by another agency, the written referral form will be forwarded to that agency. However, if the custodial caregivers' refuse the referral then the custodial caregivers' will be requested to sign the WYFPIP refusal form. If the custodial caregivers refuse to sign the refusal form then the Intervention Team will notate the date and time on that form.

Without a signed referral, the WYFPIP may recommend support agencies and community partners by providing a comprehensive list of their services for further support.

Supporting agencies and community partners will be determined by their familiarity with the WYFPIP mission, knowledge of fire-related activity, and support for the WYFPIP.



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Connecticut's Juvenile Justice System

Connecticut's juvenile justice system is a state level system of juvenile courts, detention centers, private residential facilities and juvenile correctional facilities. Post-adjudication services are provided by the Court Support Services Division of the Connecticut Judicial Branch and by the Department of Children and Families.

Court Mandated Cases

If a youth is charged but not yet convicted with a delinquency offense involving an act of fire starting that causes an explosion or a fire to start, regardless of whether such explosion or fire results in an injury to a person or animal or damage to property, or plans or prepares to cause an explosion or start a fire, the court may order the suspension of the delinquency proceeding for a period of up to one year and order that such child participate in the WYFPIP.

If the court denies the motion for suspension of the delinquency proceedings, the prosecutorial official may proceed with the delinquency proceedings.

Of note: See Connecticut Public Act 19-135 "An Act Concerning the Suspension of Delinquency Proceedings for Fire Starting Behavior Treatment." (Effective July 1, 2019)

Intervention Documentation

The Director of Y&SS and Fire Marshal will maintain and secure all WYFPIP case information within the YFIRES case file.

All documentation including but not limited to the referral form, intake form, screening interview, fire safety education sessions, homework assignments, refusals, and any other documentation related to the youth's completion of the program will be attached within the YFIRES case file.

Program confidentiality shall be maintained at all times, case information will only be shared within the WYFPIP and support agencies involved with the program.

Follow-Up

A follow-up plan to monitor the youth for possible recidivism shall be established and documented within the YFIRES case file.

In general, follow-up contacts with the custodial caregivers of the youth shall be conducted at 3, 6, 9, and 12-month intervals following the completion of the WYFPIP. However, based on the case and at the



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discretion of the Director of YSS and Fire Marshal, these contacts may occur less frequently for a period of one year following the reported fire incident.

Final documentation of the youth's progress shall be documented into the YFIRES case file. This final progress documentation may be forwarded to support agencies involved in the case.

WYFPIP Evaluation

The Fire Marshal and Director of Y&SS may review cases on a continual basis or after the youth has completed the WYFPIP. The frequency of the case review by supporting agencies and/or community partners will be contingent upon the seriousness of the case and/or difficulty of the intervention.

In order to determine overall WYFPIP effectiveness, each case shall be reviewed upon completion. Further, overall WYFPIP effectiveness shall be reviewed at the end of each calendar year.

WYFPIP shall be evaluated in several ways including but not limited to the reduction of overall fires set by youths and recidivism rate. The WYFPIP will provide non-confidential data regarding the program's overall effectiveness to current WYFPIP members, support agencies, community partners, and the community.



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Agency Referral

Name of youth: _____ Date of birth: __/__/__

Address of youth: _____

Youth's gender: [] Male [] Female [] Other Youth's Ethnicity: [] Hispanic [] Non-Hispanic

Youth's race: [] American Indian/Alaskan Native [] Asian/Pacific Islander
[] Black [] White [] Other [] Unknown

Preferred Language: _____ School/grade: _____

Name of Custodial Caregivers:

Relationship to youth: _____

Address: _____

Contacts: Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

[] Has engaged in youth firesetting behavior (*Describe behavior and date(s) of incident(s)*)

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date signed: __/__/__

Agency/Title: _____ Phone Number: _____

Case # (If applicable): _____



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Date:

Dear Custodial Caregiver:

Thank you for participating in the Wallingford Youth Fire Prevention & Intervention Program. We look forward to meeting you and your child on _____ at 6 Fairfield Blvd., Wallingford, CT 06492. Lastly, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Amanda Miranda
Director of Y&SS



Wallingford Youth Fire Prevention & Intervention Program



Date:

Dear Custodial Caregiver:

The Wallingford Youth Fire Prevention & Intervention Program is very concerned about the number of children involved in fire incidents. Many children exhibit a curiosity about fire and experiment with matches or lighters. Other children may use fire as a way to gain attention. Our program provides identification, intake, screening, intervention, follow-up, and prevention. Through multiple sessions or single session, we require both you and your child's active participation in our program in order for it to be successful.

To receive more information about this program or to set up an appointment, please call me, Amanda Miranda, Director of YSS at (203)294-2175.

I hope you will join in helping us keep you and the other children and families in our community safe from fire.

Sincerely,

Amanda Miranda
Director of Y&SS

75 Masonic Ave.
Wallingford, CT 06492
(203)294-2766

6 Fairfield Blvd.
Wallingford, CT 06492
(203)294-2175



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Custodial Caregiver Consent & Acknowledgment
Of Confidentiality

I, _____ (Custodial Caregiver), of
_____ (Youth) hereby represent that I have the authority to
consent to the provision of services to the youth named above and do consent to the Wallingford
Youth Fire Prevention & Intervention Program providing services. Further, I understand the
conditions regarding individual assessment for the youth to include total confidentiality of
session content with the exception of the following:

1. The program staff perceives (or is informed) that the child's life, health, or well-being is in jeopardy.
2. The program staff perceives (or is informed) that another's life, health, or well-being is in jeopardy.

Custodial Caregiver signature: _____

Youth's signature: _____

Program Staff signature: _____

Date: _____



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RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I do hereby release, indemnify, and hold harmless the Wallingford Youth Fire Prevention & Intervention Program, all its members against all claims, suits, or actions of any kind and nature whatsoever which are brought or which may be brought against the Wallingford Youth Fire Prevention & Intervention Program for, or as a result of any injuries from, participation in this program.

Youth's Signature: _____

Custodial Caregiver Signature: _____

WYFPIP Representative: _____

WYFPIP Representative: _____

Date: _____



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RELEASE OF INFORMATION

CONSENT FORM

I understand that my records are protected under Federal Confidentiality Regulations (CRD-42 Part 2) and Connecticut General Statute chapter 899 and Public Act 89-246. These regulations and statutes prohibit further disclosure without my written consent unless otherwise provided in the regulations.

I hereby give permission to the Wallingford Youth Fire Prevention & Intervention Program to exchange information regarding:

Date of birth: _____ with any appropriate professional or agency with the exception of _____.

I understand that I will be informed of any pending release of information. I further understand that I may revoke this consent at any time in writing. The purpose of this release is to assist in the development of an intervention plan.

Custodial Caregiver Signature: _____

Agency Representative: _____

Date: _____



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REFERRAL FORM

The Wallingford Youth Fire Prevention & Intervention Program feels that your child and/or your family could benefit from further services. These services could include, but are not limited to, therapy with a licensed provider. For your convenience, a list of local service providers has been included in this referral. You are not limited to these providers and are encouraged to utilize whatever services best suits you and your family.

Youth's name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

I understand that this form represents a written recommendation for further services for my child. If enrollment in this program was mandated by another agency, this recommendation will be forwarded to that agency.

Custodial Caregiver Signature: _____

Agency Representative: _____

Date: _____



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REFUSAL FORM

I acknowledge that the program offered by the Wallingford Youth Fire Prevention & Intervention Program was explained to me, and I was given an overview of the program. I understand the Wallingford Youth Fire Prevention & Intervention Program has been established to help educate youths who have played with or set fires, and this program educates youths about the "Dangers of Fire and Fire Safety." I acknowledge that the Wallingford Youth Fire Prevention & Intervention Program was offered to me and at this time, I ***do not*** want my child to participate in the program in its entirety or the following part _____ . I will not hold any member of the Wallingford Youth Fire Prevention & Intervention Program liable or responsible for any further actions of my child, in regards to playing with, or setting fires.

Youth's name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Custodial Caregiver Signature: _____

WYFPIP Representative: _____

WYFPIP Representative: _____

Date: _____



Fire Safety Education Intervention

Early Childhood (Ages 3-5) Track

Session 1: Match and Lighter Safety (Tools & Toys), Staying Away from Hot Things in the Home, and Homework: Identify hot things that could burn you if you touch them at home.

Session 2: Review Session 1, Stop, Drop and Roll, First-aid for Burns, and Homework: Practice Stop, Drop, and Roll.

Session 3: Review Session 2, Smoke Alarms, Home Fire Escape Plan & Drills, Crawl Low Under Smoke, and Homework: Home Escape Plan

Session 4: Review Session 3, Community Helpers, Reporting Fires and Other Emergencies, and Homework: Identify Community Helpers in the Town of Wallingford.

Session 5: Review Session 4, Your Personal and Community Role in Safety, Responding Correctly to Fire and Emergency Drills, and Homework: Home Fire Safety Plan for Youths Misusing Fire.

Session 6: Review Session 5, Home Fire Safety Survey, Certificate of Completion, and Evaluation form.

Post Completion: Monitoring for possible recidivism, follow-up contacts, final documentation of youths progress

Evaluation: Review case on a continual basis or after the youth has completed the WYFPIP.



Fire Safety Education Intervention

Elementary School (Ages 5-6) Track

Session 1: What Is Fire?, Match and Lighter Safety (Tools & Toys) including Birthday Safety, and Homework: Good Fire, Bad Fire

Session 2: Review Session1, Stop, Drop and Roll, First-aid for Burns, and Homework: Practice Stop, Drop, and Roll.

Session 3: Review Session 2, Smoke Alarms, Home Fire Escape Plan & Drills, Crawl Low Under Smoke, and Homework: Home Escape Plan

Session 4: Review Session 3, Community Helpers, Reporting Fires and Other Emergencies, and Homework: Identify Community Helpers in the Town of Wallingford.

Session 5: Review Session 4, Your Personal and Community Role in Safety, Responding Correctly to Fire and Emergency Drills, and Homework: Home Fire Safety Plan for Youths Misusing Fire.

Session 6: Review Session 5, Home Fire Safety Survey, Certificate of Completion, and Evaluation form.

Post Completion: Monitoring for possible recidivism, follow-up contacts, final documentation of youths progress

Evaluation: Review case on a continual basis or after the youth has completed the WYFPIP.



Fire Safety Education Intervention

Elementary School (Ages 7-8) Track

Session 1: What Is Fire?, Match and Lighter Safety, What's hot and what's not, and Homework: Good Fire, Bad Fire

Session 2: Review Session 1, Stop, Drop and Roll, First-aid for Burns, and Homework: Practice Stop, Drop, and Roll.

Session 3: Review Session 2, Smoke Alarms, Home Fire Escape Plan & Drills, Crawl Low Under Smoke, and Homework: Home Escape Plan

Session 4: Review Session 3, Community Helpers, Reporting Fires and Other Emergencies, and Homework: Identify Community Helpers in the Town of Wallingford.

Session 5: Review Session 4, Your Personal and Community Role in Safety, Responding Correctly to Fire and Emergency Drills, and Homework: Home Fire Safety Plan for Youths Misusing Fire.

Session 6: Review Session 5, Home Fire Safety Survey, Certificate of Completion, and Evaluation form.

Post Completion: Monitoring for possible recidivism, follow-up contacts, final documentation of youths progress

Evaluation: Review case on a continual basis or after the youth has completed the WYFPIP.



Fire Safety Education Intervention

Elementary School (Ages 9-10) Track

Session 1: What Is Fire?, Home Hazards & Heating Sources, Safety Around Explosives and Fireworks, and Homework: Identify hazards at your home.

Session 2: Review Session1, Smoke & CO Alarms, Home Fire Escape Plan & Drills, Crawl Low Under Smoke, and Homework: Home Escape Plan

Session 4: Review Session 3, Safe & Responsible Choices, Understanding Arson, Consequences of Fire-setting, False Alarms, and Homework: Identify Safe & Unsafe Choices.

Session 5: Review Session 4, Your Personal and Community Role in Safety, Responding Correctly to Fire and Emergency Drills, and Homework: Home Fire Safety Plan for Youths Misusing Fire.

Session 6: Review Session 5, Home Fire Safety Survey, Certificate of Completion, and Evaluation form.

Post Completion: Monitoring for possible recidivism, follow-up contacts, final documentation of youths progress

Evaluation: Review case on a continual basis or after the youth has completed the WYFPIP.



Fire Safety Education Intervention

Middle School & High School (Ages 11-17) Track

Session 1: Fire & Safety Questionnaire, What is Fire?, Home Hazards & Heating Sources, Safety Around Explosives and Fireworks, and Homework: History of Fire.

Session 2: Fire & Safety Questionnaire Review, Smoke & CO Alarms, Home Fire Drills, Crawl Low Under Smoke, Pre/Post-tests, and Homework: Home Escape Plan.

Session 3: Review Session 2, Safe & Responsible Choices, Understanding Arson, Consequences of Fire-setting, False Alarms, Pre/Post-tests, and Homework: Identify Safe & Unsafe Choices.

Session 4: Review Session 3, Legal Aspects of youth set fires, Child/Parent Contract, Pre/Post-tests, and Homework: Home Fire Safety Plan for Youths Misusing Fire.

Session 5: Review Session 4, Your Personal and Community Role in Safety, Responding Correctly to Fire and Emergency Drills, and Homework: Community Impact Report.

Completion: Home Fire Safety Survey, Review of Homework Assignments, Parent Letter, Certificate of Completion, and Evaluation form.

Post Completion: Monitoring for possible recidivism, follow-up contacts, final documentation of youths progress

Evaluation: Review case on a continual basis or after the youth has completed the WYFPIP.



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WYFPIP Videos List

1. NFPA Video "Fire's Fury", National Fire Protection Association, YouTube Channel
2. NFPA Video "Fire Power", National Fire Protection Association, YouTube Channel
3. Safe Kids Video "Start safe fire: Planning and Practicing Home Fire Drills", Safe kids Worldwide, YouTube Channel
4. IFSA Video "In a Flash", Illinois Fire Safety Alliance, YouTube Channel
<https://www.ifsa.org/resources/in-a-flash>
5. UM video "Sean's Story", University of Michigan Trauma Center, CD or
www.traumaburn.org/Seans-story
6. Idea Bank video "In their own words"



Fire and Life Safety Questionnaire

Name _____

1. Describe the fire. Tell what happened. Who was involved? What methods were used to start the fire?

2. On a scale from 1 to 10, how much responsibility for the firesetting is yours? 1 (no responsibility) – 10 (full responsibility)

3. List four things you could have done to stop yourself from starting the fire.

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

4. Who was harmed by your firesetting behavior?

5. How much time do you and your family have to safely escape a fire in your home?

6. Name the elements of a fire that are life-threatening.

7. When is it OK for you to use matches or lighters?

8. List the ways your family can make your home firesafe.

9. What do you know about fire?

10. Have you ever been burned?



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Child/Parent Responsibility Contract

This contract outlines several steps both children and their parents/caregivers can take to prevent firesetting behavior in the home. Taking these steps will increase safety in the home, they may not eliminate all fire risks and are not a substitute for parent/caregiver supervision.

THE YOUTH (initial on line)

___ I will not have matches, lighters, cigarettes, lighter fluid, other flammable liquids, fireworks, or aerosol cans such as hair spray.

___ I will submit to searches of myself and my property by my parent or caregiver. (This includes both personal property and spaces such as my bedroom, backpack, fort, car, etc.)

___ I will complete a fire escape plan for my family and practice it with my parent or caregiver.

___ I will tell an adult if I find matches or lighters.

___ I will not play with friends who engage in any form of fire activity.

Other _____

Youth _____

Date _____

THE PARENT

___ I will install and maintain working smoke alarms in every room of the home.

___ I will install and maintain a working, Class 2A-10BC, fire extinguisher for every level of the home and garage.

___ I will store all matches, lighters and fireworks where the youth can't get them, preferably a locked cabinet.

___ I will lock up all flammable chemicals such as turpentine, gasoline, lighter fluid or charcoal starter for barbecues.

___ I will use only a child-resistant lighter if a smoker and keep it on my person at all times.

___ I will conduct routine searches of the youth's bedroom and possessions for matches or lighters.

___ I will monitor the youth's access to the Internet for information that shows how to modify fireworks, manufacture destructive devices or youths misusing fire in some way.

___ I will give permission to other children in the home to tell on someone who misuses fire.



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____ I will increase supervision of the youth. The youth will also not be allowed to be alone or unsupervised in other youths' homes.2 © Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal

____ I will set firm rules that any child in the house should not touch matches, lighters, the stove, barbecue lighters, flares, fireworks or any other object that could potentially set a fire.

____ I will set fire safety rules and consequences for breaking them. I will discuss the rules and consequences with my child to check for understanding.

____ If my family uses candles for cultural or religious purposes, I will use battery-powered or electric candles, or will create a safer environment for a real candle by placing the candle holder in a bowl of sand.

____ I will complete a home fire safety checklist obtained from the local fire department. I will forbid youth to watch shows, videos or Internet sites with fire themes or scenes. I will remove closets doors to eliminate a hiding place.

Other _____

Parent/Caregiver _____

Date _____

Interventionist _____

Date _____

Removing the risk today prevents the fires of tomorrow.



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Consent to Enter to Conduct a Home Fire Safety Survey

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____

Phone # (H) _____ (C) _____ (W) _____

Email: _____

I, _____, hereby consent to members of the Wallingford Youth Fire Prevention & Intervention Program to enter my dwelling, which property is located at: _____ for the purpose of conducting a home fire safety survey.

Permission to enter is granted by me, knowingly, willingly and voluntarily, to the members of the WYFPIP and no inducements, threats or promises have been made to me in order to gain my consent.

Signature: _____

WYFPIP Member: _____

WYFPIP Member: _____

WYFPIP Member: _____

Date: ___/___/___ Time: _____



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Home Fire Safety Survey

Fire Safety

- Y or N House number is visible from the street.
- Y or N Home has smoke alarms on every level.
- Y or N Home has a smoke alarm in every bedroom.
- Y or N Smoke alarms are located outside each separate sleeping area.
- Y or N Smoke alarms are located at least 10 feet from a stationary or fixed cooking appliance.
- Y or N All smoke alarms are working.
- Y or N Family has a home fire escape plan.
- Y or N Family practices the home fire escape plan at least twice a year.
- Y or N Windows used for escape are not obstructed.
- Y or N Home has a carbon monoxide alarm outside each separate sleeping area.
- Y or N Home has a carbon monoxide alarm on every level.
- Y or N Carbon monoxide alarms are working.

Kitchen Safety

- Y or N The stove area is free from clutter or items that can burn.
- Y or N Children stay at least 3 feet away from the stove.
- Y or N Pot handles always face in when cooking.
- Y or N A pot lid is kept nearby to put out stovetop fires.
- Y or N Adults stay in the kitchen when cooking.

Matches, Lighters, and Candles

- Y or N Matches and lighters are stored in a secure cabinet.
- Y or N No Lit candles are not left unattended
- Y or N A 1-foot circle of safety is maintained around candles.



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HVAC Safety

- Y or N Space heaters and A/C units are plugged directly into an outlet.
- Y or N Space heaters are at least 3 feet away from drapes, curtains and other things that can burn.
- Y or N The furnace is cleaned and serviced annually.
- Y or N The furnace is free from clutter and anything that can burn.
- Y or N Chimney is inspected annually and cleaned as needed.
- Y or N The fireplace and/or wood stove is free from clutter and anything that can burn.
- Y or N The fireplace and/or wood stove has a screen in front of it.

Electrical Safety

- Y or N Receptacle and switch faceplates are installed and in good condition.
- Y or N Electrical outlets in the home are not overloaded.
- Y or N Flexible cords and cables are not used as fixed wiring, run through holes in walls, ceiling or floor, run through doorways or windows or under carpets or attached to building surfaces.
- Y or N Power strips, relocatable power taps, are plugged directly into an outlet.
- Y or N Phones and other electronics are charged on hard surfaces.

More Household Fire Safety:

- Y or N Clothes dryer lint filter and vent pipe are clean.
- Y or N All flammable liquids are stored in air tight containers outside and away from the house.
- Y or N Gasoline is stored outside and away from the home.



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WAIVER, RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

In consideration of the voluntary performance of a home fire safety survey of my dwelling located at _____, I, on behalf of myself, and all members of family, as well as my heirs, executors, administrators or successors, hereby waive any claim or cause of action of any nature that I have, or in the future may have, against any and all individual or organizational participants in the Wallingford Youth Fire Prevention & Intervention Program, including but not limited to the Wallingford Fire Department, Wallingford Youth & Social Services, and Town of Wallingford and its officers, agents or employees, which claim or cause of action grows out of or results from a fire or other damage, following the said home fire safety survey; and I further hereby agree to release and hold harmless any and all individual and organizational participants in the Wallingford Youth Fire Prevention & Intervention Program, including but not limited to the Wallingford Fire Department, Wallingford Youth & Social Services, and Town of Wallingford and its officers, agents or employees from and against all damages of any kind, to persons or property, growing out of or resulting from a fire in my referenced dwelling.

I acknowledge having read, understood, and agreed to the above waiver, and release.

Print name

Signature

Date

Witness (print name)

Signature

Date



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Date:

Dear Custodial Caregiver,

Your child has successfully completed the Wallingford Youth Fire Prevention & Intervention Program. We hope that both you and your child felt the program was valuable. In an effort to continually improve the service we provide, we have attached an evaluation form. If you could please take the time to complete the forms, we would greatly appreciate it. A pre-stamped, self-addressed envelope has been included for return mail.

Thank you again for the opportunity to meet with you and your child.

Sincerely,

Brian Schock
Acting Fire Marshal

Amanda Miranda
Director of Y&SS



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Please assist us by evaluating our program and Intervention Team members in order to assist us in maintaining and improving the quality of the WYFPIP.

Evaluation Scale: (1) Needs Improvement (3) Good
 (2) Adequate (4) Excellent

Please circle your response.

1. The physical location was conveniently located. **1 2 3 4**
2. The physical environment created a positive learning environment. **1 2 3 4**
3. The WYFPIP was well organized. **1 2 3 4**
4. The duration of the WYFPIP was right for me. **1 2 3 4**
5. The WYFPIP met my purpose in attending. **1 2 3 4**
6. The WYPIIP motivated me to change behavior. **1 2 3 4**
7. The Intervention Team members communicated the information clearly. **1 2 3 4**
8. The Intervention Team members made the subject matter compelling. **1 2 3 4**
9. The Program Managers and Intervention Team members answered my questions. **1 2 3 4**
10. The education materials were age appropriate and well received. **1 2 3 4**

Objective comments and suggestions:

SUPPORTING AGENCIES

Wallingford Health
Department *

Wallingford Parks &
Recreation *

Wallingford Police
Department *

Wallingford Public Schools

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Coalition for a Better
Wallingford *

Spanish Community of
Wallingford *

Ulbrich Club House of
Wallingford *

Wallingford Family YMCA

Contact WYFPIP



Wallingford Fire Department
Fire Prevention Division
75 Masonic Avenue

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Fax: 203-294-2736

E-Mail:

firepreventiondivision@wallingfordfd.com

Wallingford Fire Department
Wallingford Youth & Social
Services



WALLINGFORD YOUTH FIRE PREVENTION & INTERVENTION PROGRAM

(WYFPIP)



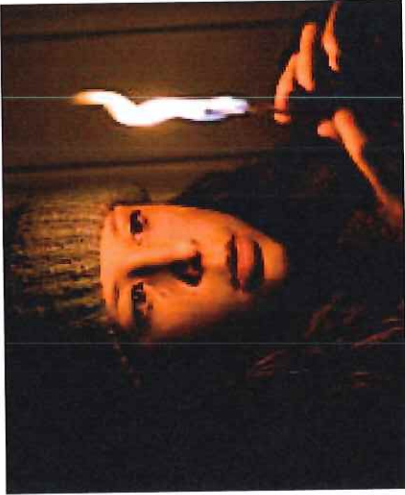
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Phone: 203-294-2175

Fax: 203-294-2703

E-Mail:

m.miranda@wallingfordct.gov



Who is WYFPIP for?

This program is for any youth, under the age of 18 at the time of an incident, who has been involved in a

- A fire setting incident,
- Misuse of Fire ,
- Use of Fire without supervision of a responsible adult
- Match or lighter use without the ignition of other items
- Use of Fireworks/Explosives

Upon completion of the screening, fire safety education is provided to the youth and family by trained Youth Fire Prevention & Intervention Specialists.

Message to Parents...

Property is damaged and lives are lost every year as a result of youth fire setting. You, as a parent or caregiver, have an important role in ensuring the fire safety of your family and community.

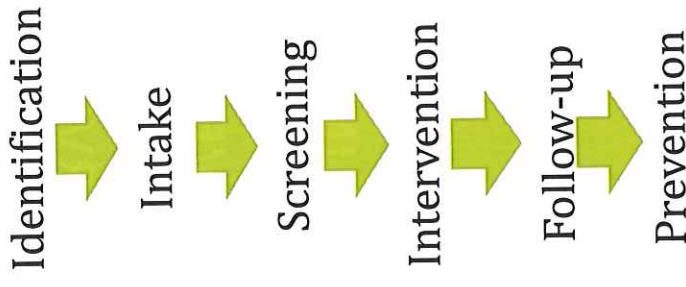
Many children do not understand the legal consequences of setting fires. In fact, you may also be unaware of the criminal charges your son or daughter may face if they set a fire. In some cases, you may also be held financially responsible for your child's behavior.

We-parents, firefighters, community service providers – all have the same goal: to keep you, your family, and the community safe from fire.

Program Mission

To identify the fire setting behavior of youth, gather information on the 'why' for the behavior, provide fire safety education and therapeutic referrals, where appropriate, and any other assistance needed to prevent future fire setting incidents.

WYFPIP FLOWCHART



The process begins with the identification and intake of a fire setting behavior. Screening begins when a child is enrolled into the program. Thereafter, intervention including but not limited to fire safety education is implemented with follow-up. With the successful delivery of intervention, future fire setting can be prevented.