



## YFIRES FACT SHEET

### WHAT DOES “YFIRES” MEAN?

YFIRES is an acronym for Youth Firesetting Information Repository & Evaluation System.

### WHAT IS YFIRES?

YFIRES is a data collection project that will assist the fire service or any non-fire service discipline invested in youth firesetting intervention programs. This project will help develop a body of information that improves the national understanding of youth firesetting behavior and the work being done by programs across the United States.

### WHAT IS THE MISSION OF YFIRES?

The mission of YFIRES is to act as the central repository for the collection, dissemination, and reporting of data and program experiences generated by youth firesetting behaviors.

### WHAT IS THE VISION OF YFIRES?

The vision of YFIRES is to serve as a resource for data and information related to youth set fires.

### WHEN WAS YFIRES ESTABLISHED?

Development of the YFIRES database began in 2011 and was launched nationally in 2016.

### WHO CAN USE YFIRES?

YFIRES is designed to be as universal as possible. It can be used by fire departments, mental health programs, juvenile justice programs, burn centers, non-profit based programs, and nearly any other type of youth firesetting intervention program configurations that may be operating. We hope we have built enough versatility into it that it can serve everyone well.

### WHAT INFORMATION DOES YFIRES COLLECT?

Youth (persons age 0 through 17) are eligible for entry into this data system if they have been involved with a firesetting incident, misused fire, or used fire without the supervision or permission of a responsible adult. There are 20 de-identified data elements that comprise the national data set and more than 150 data elements that comprise the case management data set to aid local programs in storing case data in a secured system.

### WHO IS INVOLVED WITH YFIRES?

YFIRES was developed by the International Association of Firefighters Charitable Foundation Burn Fund and funded through DHS/FEMA’s Grant Program Directorate for Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program – Fire Prevention and Safety Grants.

### WHY SHOULD I USE YFIRES?

YFIRES offers a **FREE** comprehensive case management system for local YFS programs to securely store a wealth of information on each child/family entered in an intervention program, using a cloud-based platform. In addition, programs using YFIRES have a chance to contribute to the national collection of data on youth set fires, and benefit directly from those findings.

### WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION? [www.YFIRES.com](http://www.YFIRES.com)



#### Fire Prevention and Safety Grants

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