

## CHRIS BUCHER



The Talbert House Fire Setters Program is facilitated by Chris Bucher, a Talbert House employee since 2006 and certified Fire Setters Educator. Chris has a Master's degree

in Education and a post-Master's degree in Counseling.

In addition to his work with the Youth Behavioral Health program, Chris is also a firefighter and paramedic for the Florence Fire Department/EMS. He is uniquely equipped to work with young people who have risky behaviors related to fire setting. Chris is passionate about educating youth and families and helping them get connected to the services they need to be healthy, successful, and safe.

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

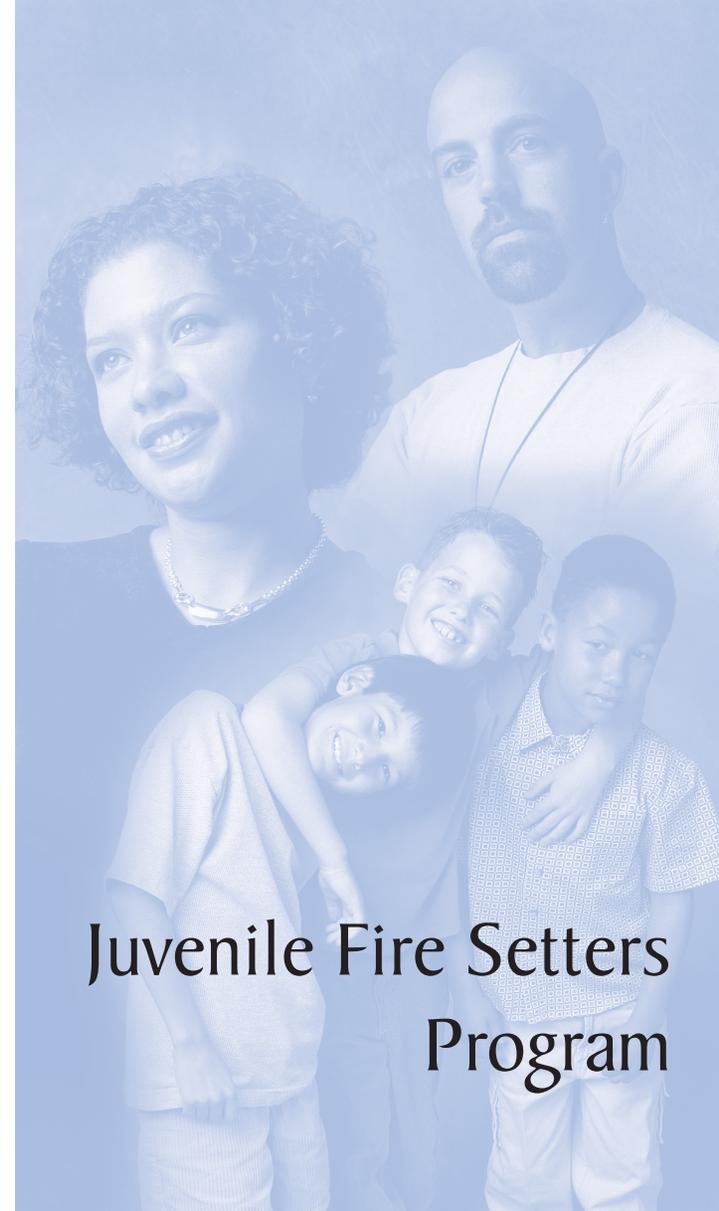
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## ABOUT TALBERT HOUSE

Talbert House is a community-wide nonprofit that operates within five service lines: Adult Behavioral Health, Community Care, Court and Corrections, Housing, and Youth Behavioral Health. Talbert House's mission has two basic purposes: to improve social behavior and enhance personal recovery and growth.

Each year, Talbert House helps thousands of men, women, and children throughout Southwest Ohio overcome adversity to become healthy and productive citizens.



## Juvenile Fire Setters Program

  
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Building a Stronger Community...  
One Life at a Time.

# ABOUT FIRE SETTERS

In a typical year, 300 people are killed and \$190 million in property is destroyed in fires set by children. In the United States, children are usually the victims, accounting for 85 of every 100 lives lost.



Most kids are curious about fire; it's part of their growth process. Punishment and scare tactics don't curb their curiosity. Some children use fire as a way of expressing their frustration or anger and can be a symptom of a more serious

problem. Fire setting behaviors usually don't go away on their own. Parents, teachers, counselors, and the community can help to recognize the problem and take action.

The Juvenile Fire Setters program at Talbert House focuses on each child and family and their specific mental health needs to determine the cause of the fire setting and create a positive plan of action to decrease the behaviors with a goal to eliminate it entirely.



## How do I access the program?

Call Talbert House's central registration line at **513-221-HELP(4357)**. Operators will take your contact information. You will receive a call from the Fire Setters Educator to schedule a convenient time to meet.

## How much does the program cost?

There is no charge for participation in the Talbert House Fire Setters Program. Funding is provided by the Hamilton County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board.

## Where do you provide the program?

Services are provided at 4760 Madison Road in Oakley, but can also be scheduled at your home or your child's school.

## What should I expect when we meet with the fire setters educator?

At your first meeting, the educator will meet with the parent/legal guardian to get background information and consent to participate in the evaluation and education. Then your child/adolescent will meet with the educator to explore his or her fire setting to determine the next steps that may include educational information and/or a referral to mental health services.

## What happens next?

If your child/adolescent would benefit from education, the fire setters educator will work with you to determine when and where those sessions should occur. Educational sessions are usually an hour and are provided one to two times a week to develop a plan to reduce and eliminate the fire setting behaviors. A pre-test and post-test are given to measure the amount of learning accomplished.

If your child needs additional mental health treatment, the fire setters educator will work with you to connect with a local mental health provider.

