

THE SAFETY PROGRAM

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Each time you come for a meeting, please take the elevators straight to the 5th floor and have a seat in the waiting area through the doorway. Your therapist will meet you there at the time of your appointment.

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WHAT IS SAFETY?

- We are therapists who work with children and teenagers who have engaged in firesetting behaviors and are involved with the Allegheny County Juvenile Court or with the Office of Children, Youth, and Families.

WHY IS SOMEONE TALKING TO ME ABOUT SAFETY?

- A Judge has required your child to attend therapy with the SAFETY Program
- Attending therapy is required as part of your child's probation, diversion, or involvement with the Office of Children, Youth, and Families
- Your child cannot finish probation until he/she has completed therapy at the SAFETY Program
- Your case with the Office of Children, Youth, and Families will remain open until your child completes therapy with the SAFETY Program.

THE SAFETY STEPS

STEP DETAILS

“DO I HAVE TO ATTEND THERAPY TOO?”

YES.

You know your child best.

Since your child is required by a judge or a CYF Caseworker to be in the SAFETY program, you are required to attend the following meetings:

- Clinical orientation
- Intake assessment
- Family treatment
- Treatment plan review every 90 days
- Any time your child’s therapist requests a meeting
- Fire safety education classes
- Discharge assessment



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1. Court

- A Judge has determined that your child engaged in firesetting behavior
- The judge had also required that your child be on probation and go to therapy
- Your child has been placed on a Diversion program with the Allegheny Juvenile Court

2. Your Probation Officer and/or CYF Caseworker meets with you

- Your probation officer will meet with you to talk about rules your child has to follow while on probation.
- These rules are called your “Conditions of Supervision.”
- Your CYF Caseworker will meet with you to talk about the SAFETY Program and expectations for attendance and participation in the program.
- Expect a call with a SAFETY clinician shortly after this meeting.

3. First meeting at the SAFETY Program (Clinical Orientation)

- You will go to the SAFETY Program for an orientation located at:
**100 N. Bellefield Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15213**
- You will sign all paperwork for the program. This meeting takes 1-2 hours

4. Intake assessment at the SAFETY Program

- Your SAFETY clinician will meet with you and your child separately during each appointment to gather important information
- This assessment takes at least 6-9 hours and is scheduled over 2-3 separate appointments
- **We cannot start therapy until this is done**

5. Treatment at the SAFETY Program

- Individual sessions and family sessions
- Fire safety education classes
- Therapy usually lasts about 1 year

6. Discharge assessment at the SAFETY Program

- After you complete all of your treatment goals, you will have to participate in a discharge assessment with another SAFETY clinician. This assessment takes 1 session of at least 3 hours.