



RAPID ASSESSMENT OF FIRESETTING BEHAVIORS

Brandon Residential Treatment Center has been a leader in the development of services for boys involved in dangerous or reckless firesetting behavior. The Rapid Firesetting Assessment Service at Brandon offers the most comprehensive and evidence-based assessment of problem firesetting that is available within a short-term (45-60 day) residential setting. The rapid assessment service has been designed to receive referrals of boys who are in need of a specialized assessment of their firesetting history and/or current firesetting behaviors and who require stabilization within our staff-secure residential units.

This service meets the needs of boys who are involved with the juvenile justice system, are currently psychiatrically hospitalized, or boys who require a short-term specialized assessment of their firesetting behavior. The Brandon firesetting assessment protocol, developed in partnership with FirePsych Inc., incorporates tools and strategies that set a national standard for “best practice.” The firesetting assessment provides the foundation for effective firesetting intervention planning.

Goals of Rapid Firesetting Assessment Service:

- To provide a comprehensive assessment of firesetting behaviors to include environmental and individual factors related to the problem firesetting. Items assessed will include parent and family functioning, social skills, abuse/victimization and aggression
- To provide an environment that encourages active participation by parents and/or guardians in the assessment process
- To construct intervention recommendations and aftercare plans that are highly individualized and that specifically target those factors identified in the assessment phase that require support or skill building services

Special Features of Rapid Firesetting Assessment Service:

- Innovative, research-based assessment protocol and practices that reflect the most comprehensive, fire-focused evaluation available within a residential setting
- Collaborative consultation with Dr. Robert Stadolnik of FirePsych, Inc., a psychologist and leading authority on the assessment and treatment of firesetting behavior
- Clinicians and case managers with firesetting-specific training and experience
- Family friendly practices and environment
- High quality childcare and milieu environment that supports assessment and treatment
- Strong aftercare planning and community resource identification

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