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Paul Schwartzman is a licensed mental health counselor, providing counseling services to children, adolescents and families in the Rochester (NY) area for more than thirty years. His interest in the field of juvenile firesetting developed while on staff at the University of Rochester where he participated with other researchers in the study of juvenile fire play and fire setting. Paul was a member of the original research team that originated the Fire Related Youth Unit for the City of Rochester (NY) Fire Department and the BIC preschool firesafety education curriculum, both award winning programs that address issues of children and fire.

Paul has co-authored books and produced several research articles for professional journals and has written a chapter on treatment of juvenile firesetters in The Handbook of Prescriptive Treatments for Children and Adolescents published by Allyn & Bacon. Paul also authored a chapter on juvenile firesetting for the revised NFPA Fire Protection Handbook.

Paul is the Past Chair of the Board of Directors of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Education Section and is the co-chairperson of the NFPA Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Committee. He was also a member of the NFPA 1035 Professional Public Life and Fire Safety Educator Standards Committee. He worked with the committee to develop national standards for juvenile firesetter intervention specialists. Paul is also the Executive Director of the Finger Lake Regional Burn Association and is a board member of SOSFires.

Paul provides consulting services and educational seminars to fire departments and service agencies throughout North America on juvenile firesetting including: establishing community based programs; interviewing and assessing children involved in fire play and fire setting; and methods of prevention, intervention and treatment. Paul was a consultant to the development of Sean's Story Toolkit for firesetting programs and is working with the IAFF on the development of a national youth firesetter database. The national and local media often interview Paul for news program coverage of children and fire.

Paul currently maintains a private consulting and counseling practice in Fairport, New York where he resides with his wife. Paul has two grown children .