

State of Illinois
Department of Children and Family Services

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING PROHIBITION
OF CORPORAL PUNISHMENT**

Rule 402.21(c) No child shall be subjected to corporal punishment, verbal abuse, threats or derogatory remarks about him or his family.

The use of corporal punishment upon any child, who is served by, or under the care of a licensed family foster home, constitutes a violation of State Licensing Standards. Corporal punishment may herein be defined as any type of physical punishment, discipline, or retaliation inflicted upon any part of the body of a child. This would include such actions as slapping, hitting, punching, spanking, shoving, pinching or any other type of action geared toward inflicting pain or body discomfort upon a child. Violation of this licensing requirement may result in the revocation of a license to provide care for children.

I/ We, agree to inform all substitute caregivers of this licensing standard.

In many instances, the use of corporal punishment may result in a child abuse investigation by the DCFS division of Child Protection and an indicated finding of abuse, with a subsequent record of child abuse in the State's Central Registry. It is conceivable that the child or the child's biological parents might press charges or bring about a legal suit. All indicated findings of child abuse or neglect, in a licensed foster home, are also forwarded to the Guardian Ad Litem of the child(ren) in care.

I/We, have read and understand the above and agree to refrain from the use of corporal punishment.

Signature of Applicant A

Date

Signature of Applicant B

Date

Signature of Licensing Worker

Date