

Prohibition of Corporal Punishment

The Commonwealth of Virginia requires that prospective adoptive parents pledge not to use corporal punishment in disciplining their adopted child until such a time as a Final Order of adoption is entered.

Corporal punishment includes the infliction of pain or discomfort. Prohibited actions include but are not limited to, hitting with any part of the body or with an implement, uncomfortable position or locking him in a room or closet, use of chemical or mechanical restraints or seclusion.

I/We, _____ agree not to use corporal punishment as a disciplinary technique or allow others to do so and will seek the advice of qualified professionals regarding alternative methods of discipline if necessary.

Adoptive Father

Adoptive Mother

Date

Shaken Baby Syndrome

During the Home Study the social worker provided information about Shaken Baby Syndrome, its effects and resources for help and support for caregivers that may be found on the Department's public website at http://dss.virginia.gov/family/cps/shaken_baby.cgi.

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