



Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING PROHIBITION OF CORPORAL PUNISHMENT AND ABUSE

The use of corporal punishment on any child served, or under the care of, a licensed child care institution constitutes a violation of State Licensing standards. Corporal punishment is defined as any type of physical punishment, discipline or retaliation inflicted on any part of the body of a child. This includes such actions as slapping, hitting, pinching, spanking, shoving, shaking, pinching or any other type of action which inflicts pain or body discomfort on a child. Violation of this licensing requirement might well result in the revocation of this Agency's license to provide care for children.

The use of corporal punishment, verbal reprimands which are abusive, and sexual abuse of children served by this Agency is a clear violation of the policies of Lutheran Child & Family Services of Illinois and will not be tolerated. This Agency is mandated, as are schools, hospitals, doctors, etc. to report suspected use of corporal punishment and suspected sexual abuse to the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. An investigation by the IDCFS Division of Child Protection which results in an indicated finding of abuse will be recorded in the State's Central Registry. It is possible that the child or the child's parents or guardian may press charges or initiate a legal suit.

The use of corporal punishment or any form of abuse by employees of Lutheran Child & Family Services of Illinois will result in the automatic consideration of termination of employment.

I, _____, have read and understand the above. I agree to refrain from the use of abusive actions on any child served by Lutheran Child & Family Service of Illinois.

Signature of Employee/Volunteer

Signature of Witness

Date

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