

AAI Statement of Discipline

We believe that discipline is an important aspect of a child's development. When used appropriately and effectively, children develop and mature into responsible adults. Parents fulfill their roles as nurturer and teacher best through methods that increase the child's self-esteem, sense of responsibility and independence and create an atmosphere of love and mutual respect. In compliance with the Virginia Department of Social Services Minimum standards for licensed Private Child Placing Agencies, this agency prohibits the use of corporal punishment with children in agency care.* It also prohibits any staff member of this agency to use corporal punishment with children in agency care or to give others permission to do so. The Department of Social Services defines corporal punishment as the inflicting of pain or discomfort. Prohibited actions include but are not limited to hitting with any part of the body or with an implement, pinching, pulling, shaking, binding a child, forcing him to assume an uncomfortable position, or locking him in a room or closet. Please note that this standard applies to adoptive parent(s) during their care of a child until either an Interlocutory or Final Order of Adoption is entered, at which point they become the child's legal parents and the standard no longer applies.

Your signature on this statement acknowledges that you have been informed of this policy and will abide by these guidelines to the best of your ability.

Adoptive Father: _____ Date: _____

Adoptive Mother: _____ Date: _____

Agency Staff Member: _____ Date: _____

*Children in agency care include children who are in foster care or a pre adoptive home. This agency has no jurisdiction over children whose adoptions have been finalized.