



August 23, 2016

Coalition on Physical Punishment of Children and Youth
Attention: Ron Ensom and Joan Durrant
c/o 1858 Sharel Drive
Ottawa, Ontario
K1H 6W4

Dear Mr. Ensom and Dr. Durrant

Re: Endorsement of the Joint Statement on Physical Punishment of Children and Youth

The Aurora Family Therapy Centre is pleased to endorse the Joint Statement on Physical Punishment of Children and Youth. As an agency that provides affordable therapy services to couples, families and individuals and as the primary clinical facility where students in the Masters of Marriage and Family Therapy (MMFT) Program at the University of Winnipeg do the majority of their clinical training we would like add our endorsement and support of the important work of the Coalition on Physical Punishment of Children and Youth. We agree with the research findings of the Joint Statement. The physical punishment of children and youth plays no useful role in the upbringing and development of children.

Thank you to the coalition for their dedication, advocacy and work on this very important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John R. Smyth".

John R. Smyth
Executive Director
Aurora Family Therapy Centre