



April 11, 2018

Coalition on Physical Punishment of Children and Youth
Attention: Ron Ensom, Chair

Dear Mr. Ensom:

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

The Canadian Association for Play Therapy (CAPT) is honoured to endorse the Joint Statement on Physical Punishment of Children and Youth (the Joint Statement). As a non-profit association dedicated to the safety of all children, we would like to be included to the list of many that have already supported this important cause. We support the research in this area that demonstrates that the physical punishment of children and youth plays no useful role in the upbringing and development of children.

CAPT provides programs and services for mental health counsellors who work in the field of clinical counselling for children and families. The efficacy for the interventions and modalities of play therapy in healing and teaching families about appropriate ways to care for and support children and youth is clear. The American Psychological Association's Journal on Play Therapy publishes articles to support play therapy each quarter. CAPT is dedicated to the safe protection of children and youth.

We thank the Coalition for its work and wish you continued success in spreading the word on this important subject.

Sincerely,

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