



# NORTHWEST TERRITORIES HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

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## **Endorsement of the Joint Statement on Physical Punishment of Children and Youth**

I am pleased to advise you the Northwest Territories Human Rights Commission, at their meeting September 6, 2019, agreed to endorse the Joint Statement on Physical Punishment of Children and Youth. The Commission recognizes the negative effects of physical punishment on the development of children and youth. As noted in the Joint Statement, physical punishment of children is incompatible with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, which was ratified in Canada in 1991.

We agree parents should be strongly encouraged to develop alternative and positive approaches to discipline, and appreciate the parenting resources that are made available through the Coalition on Physical Punishment of Children and Youth.

We thank the Coalition for their dedicated efforts in bringing awareness and education on the issue of physical punishment of children and youth throughout Canada.

Sincerely,

Charles Dent, Chair  
Northwest Territories Human Rights Commission