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Endorsement of the *Joint Statement*: attention of Children’s Hospital of Eastern Ontario

Community Options: A Society for Children and Families recognizes and endorses the *Joint Statement on Physical Punishment of Children and Youth* as an authoritative resource for organizations concerned about the well-being of Canada’s children. Effective parenting programs and positive discipline training offered by our organization are anchored by its conclusion, “On the basis of the clear and compelling evidence—that the physical punishment of children and youth plays no useful role in their upbringing and poses only risks to their development—parents should be strongly encouraged to develop alternative and positive approaches to discipline.” This approach is an integral value of our organization and fits with our mission is to encourage, educate and inspire young children and their families to fully participate in the community.

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