

COALITION

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Physical Punishment of Children and Youth

les punitions corporelles données aux enfants et aux adolescents

Children's Hospital of
Eastern Ontario / Centre
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de l'est de l'Ontario

Child Welfare League of
Canada / Ligue pour le
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Canada

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Services à la famille-
Canada

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Federation / Fédération
canadienne des services
de garde à l'enfance

Canadian Institute of
Child Health / Institut
canadien de la santé
infantile

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Association / Association
canadienne de santé
publique

Canadian Association for
Young Children /
L'Association
canadienne pour les
jeunes enfants

To: Canadian organizations concerned about the well-being of children and youth

From: Coalition on Physical Punishment of Children and Youth

Re: **endorsement of the *Joint Statement on Physical Punishment of Children and Youth* by Canadian organizations**

Date: November 8, 2009

The *Joint Statement on Physical Punishment of Children and Youth* was published on September 29, 2004. It has been endorsed by over 350 Canadian organizations and, by invitation, a number of distinguished Canadians. Endorsements received prior to each printing are acknowledged in the document. Endorsements are posted and updated monthly on the website of the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) at www.cheo.on.ca/english/4220.shtml.

Endorsements continue to be most welcome. Your organization's endorsement may be conveyed to us by printing and forwarding the Confirmation of Endorsement Form on this webpage or by sending us your own letter. We welcome comments about the *Joint Statement* along with your endorsement.

Endorsement of the *Joint Statement* signifies confidence in its review of research on physical punishment and conclusions drawn from the review, and support of its recommendations. Endorsement pertains to the body of the document, not to its appendices. There are no legal, financial or follow-up obligations associated with endorsement. Many organizations use the *Joint Statement* for their own educational and advocacy purposes.

We do hope that, in addition to considering our invitation to endorse and comment on the *Joint Statement*, you will bring it to the attention of others you know who are interested in the issue of physical punishment of children and youth.

There are substantial costs associated with the development, translation, printing, and distribution of this document. Donations to assist with these costs are welcome but not expected.

Inquiries and endorsements may be directed as follows: email jointstatement@cheo.on.ca, fax 613-738-4801, or the postal address below.

Thank you for your interest in the *Joint Statement on Physical Punishment of Children and Youth*.

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