

South Carolina Department of Social Services
DISCIPLINE AGREEMENT

I understand that discipline of any child placed in my home by the Department of Social Services must comply with the following guidelines:

All discipline must be reasonable in manner, moderate in degree and responsibly related to the child's understanding and need.

Discipline should be constructive or educational in nature (e.g. withdrawal of privileges).

Cruel, inhumane and inappropriate discipline is prohibited. This would include but not necessarily be limited to the following: head shaving or any other dehumanizing or degrading act; prolonged/frequent depriving of food or serving foster children meals which are not as nutritionally adequate as those served to other family members or requiring children to be isolated from other family members when eating; deprivation of mail; slapping or shaking; a pattern of threats of removal from the home as punishment; disciplining a child for a medical or psychological problem over which he/she has no control (e.g. bed-wetting, stuttering, etc.).

The use of corporal punishment is prohibited.

I further understand that all foster/adoptive homes are subject to South Carolina laws relating to child abuse and neglect.

I agree that I will discipline any child placed in my home by the Department of Social Services in accordance with these guidelines.

Parent/Caregiver

Date

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