Acknowledgement of Understanding Concerning Prohibition of Corporal Punishment

Adoptive Applicant Name(s): __________________________________________

The Cradle adheres to the following policy set forth by DCFS for all Cradle families regardless of whether or not they are being licensed.

Section 402.21C of Rule 402 (Licensing Standards for Family Foster Homes) states that “no child shall be subjected to corporal (physical) punishment, verbal abuse, threats or derogatory remarks about the child or his/her family.”

The use of corporal punishment upon any child who is served by, or under the care of a licensed child care facility, constitutes a violation of State Licensing Standards. Corporal punishment may herein be defined as any type of physical punishment, discipline, or retaliation inflicted upon any part of the body of a child. This would include such actions as slapping, hitting, punching, spanking, shoving, pinching, or any other type of action geared toward inflicting pain or body discomfort upon a child. Violation of this licensing requirement might well result in the revocation of a license to provide care for children.

In many instances, use of corporal punishment may result in a child abuse investigation by the DCFS Division of Child Protection and an indicated finding of abuse, with a subsequent record of child abuse in the State’s Central Registry. It is also conceivable that the child or the child’s biological parents might press charges or bring about a legal suit.

I/we have read and understand the above, and agree to refrain from the use of corporal punishment.

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Applicant Signature                                                                           Date

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