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DISCIPLINE POLICY

Twin Pines Family Services administration, staff, and foster families are expected to strictly follow these guidelines for discipline and punishment of foster children without exception. Twin Pines expects that children placed in our care should be encouraged through positive parenting techniques. Questions should be discussed fully and in detail with a Twin Pines staff member or administrator.

(a) Discipline.

- (1) Foster children shall be directed with techniques that stress praise and encouragement.
- (2) Foster children may not be subjected to verbal abuse, derogatory remarks or threats of removal from the foster home.

(b) Punishment.

The following forms of punishment are prohibited:

- (1) Abusive discipline practices.
- (2) Physical punishment inflicted upon the body.
- (3) Punishment for bedwetting or actions related to toilet training.
- (4) Delegation of punishment to another child.
- (5) Denial of meals, clothing, or shelter.
- (6) Denial of elements of the service plan or ISP.
- (7) Denial of communication with, or visits by, the child's family.
- (8) Assignment of physically strenuous exercise or work solely as punishment.

(c) Control.

- (1) Passive physical restraint is the only allowable method of restraining a child.

From Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare Office of Children, Youth, and Families Code 3700.63
"Foster child discipline, punishment, and control policy."

Foster Parent _____

Date: _____

Foster Parent _____

Date: _____

Agency Representative _____

Date: _____