

The Case Against CORPORAL PUNISHMENT



THE VERDICT IS IN - Corporal punishment contributes to more aggression in children. The American Academy of Pediatrics (1998) concluded that corporal punishment is ineffective at best and harmful at worst.



THAT'S NOT ALL - Eighty-eight studies conducted over 62 years concluded that 94% of the individual effect sizes of corporal punishment represented undesirable behaviors or experiences (Gershoff, 2002).



LINKED TO CHILD ABUSE - Meta-analytic studies have confirmed a strong association between corporal punishment and physical abuse. In the United States, approximately 13 of every 1,000 children under the age of 18 have experienced abuse or neglect (U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, 2001).



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