

441—113.18(237) Training and discipline of foster children.

113.18(1) *Foster parents' methods of training and discipline.* The evaluation of the foster parent shall include a discussion and written report of the foster parents' methods of training and discipline.

113.18(2) *Restrictions on training and discipline.* Child training and discipline shall be handled with kindness and understanding. No child shall be deprived of food as punishment. No child shall be subjected to verbal abuse, threats or derogatory remarks about the child or the child's family. Use of corporal punishment is prohibited. Reasonable physical force may be used to restrain a child in order to prevent injury to the child, injury to others, the destruction of property, or extremely disruptive behavior.

113.18(3) *Reports of mistreatment.* Reports of mistreatment coming to the attention of the supervising agency shall be investigated promptly and referred to the proper authorities when necessary.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 234.40 and 237.3.