



## HOW TO RESPOND IF A CHILD REVEALS ABUSE

### >>DO:

- >> Remain calm
- >> Believe the child
- >> Allow the child to talk
- >> Show interest and concern
- >> Reassure and support the child
- >> Take action

### >>DON'T:

- >> Panic or overreact
- >> Press the child to talk
- >> Promise anything you can't control
- >> Confront the offender
- >> Blame the child or dismiss his/her feelings
- >> Overwhelm the child with questions

If you suspect a child is in danger, call 116 or report your concerns to local law enforcement officer immediately.