

What to Do if a Child Reports Abuse or Neglect

☒ Listen carefully and give the child your full attention.

☒ Don't tell the child you do not believe him, even if you feel as if you may need to check out the information.



☒ Tell the child you'd like to share the information with another trusted adult who can provide more help (such as a counselor, social services, or the police).

☒ Reassure the child that she has done nothing wrong and praise her for telling you.

☒ Don't ignore the child's accusation or pretend it doesn't exist. Seek help on behalf of the child immediately.

