HOW TO REPORT ABUSE: RHODE ISLAND

DISCLOSURE TIPS

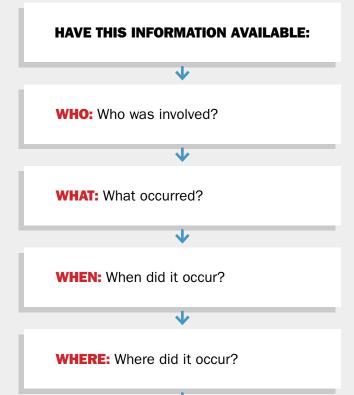
WHAT DO YOU SAY?

- An adult's reaction to disclosure plays an important role in the beginning of the healing process for the child.
- "I'm really glad that you told me."
- "It took a lot of courage to tell me."
- "It's not your fault."
- "We will work together to get you help."
- "I will need to tell some other people who help to protect children."

WHAT ARE THE CHILD'S NEEDS?

- Be careful not to make promises that you cannot keep. Do not promise you will not tell anyone.
- Report immediately.
- Only speak to those who have to know – confidentially.
- Gentle honesty keep information age-appropriate and general.

INFORMATION NEEDED



WHY: Why did it happen (what were the circumstances surrounding the event)?

MAKE A REPORT

If you believe a child may be in immediate danger, call 911.

In Rhode Island, teachers and school personnel are designated mandated reporters. To make a report to the Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth & Families Hotline, call: 1-800-RI-CHILD (1-800-742-4453).