

HOW TO REPORT ABUSE: LOUISIANA

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



HAVE THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE:



WHO: Who was involved?



WHAT: What occurred?



WHEN: When did it occur?



WHERE: Where did it occur?



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



MAKE A REPORT

If you have reason to believe a child is in immediate danger, call 911. To make a report of suspected abuse, call toll-free 1-855-4LA-KIDS (855-452-5437) to speak with a trained specialist 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. By law, all reports made orally by mandated reporters must be followed by a written report to DCFS within five days. This may occur either by entering a follow-up report online here: https://mr.dcf.la.gov/c/MR_PortalApp.app, or by mailing a CPI-2 form to the DCFS Centralized Intake Office.

According to Louisiana law, teachers are mandated reporters and must complete a mandated reporter training which can be found here: <https://moodle.dcf.la.gov/login/index.php>. Create a login to access the training.