



3 Steps to Dealing with Reported Abuse

1 Say, "I Believe You" And "It's Not Your Fault.!"

- Do remain calm.
- Do ask open-ended questions "Then what happened?"
- DON'T make promises. Say, "We're going to get the help we need"

2 Conduct a Minimal Fact Interview!!

- DO let them use their own words.
- Do ask open-ended questions "Then what happened?"
- DON'T ask leading questions or probe for details.

3 Report Immediately!!!

- Do tell law enforcement and/or child protection services.
- Report to the 'Cece Yara Foundation through 08008008001, direct walk in or email.
- DON'T make promises. Say, "We're going to get the help we need"
- Most child victims never report sexual abuse. Therefore, you need to understand why children are afraid to tell.
- The abuser may threaten the child or a family member.
- The abuser may try to confuse the child about right and wrong.
- Many abusers tell children the abuse is "okay" or "a game."
- The abuser may shame the child, blame the child, or tell the child that his/her parents will be angry.
- Children are afraid of disrupting or hurting their family.
- Some children who did not initially disclose are afraid to tell when it happens again.
- Some children are too young to understand