



## Pause for a child

- 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.

