

# REPORTING ABUSE



To report abuse, call the DCFS Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-252-2873.

Information you should be ready to provide includes:

- Name, birthdates (or approximate ages), race, gender, etc. for all adult and child subjects
- Addresses for all victims and perpetrators, including current location
- Information about siblings or other family members if available
- Specific information about the abusive incident or circumstances contributing to the risk of harm

Do not delay a call if you do not have all the information! Your call could protect a child and connect a family to help. Children can't always speak up— but YOU CAN.

## **Trust your gut – Don't wait for proof**

You only need to **suspect** abuse is occurring. Unfortunately, as much as 70% of child abuse goes unreported; and a child tells an average of seven adults that they are being abused or neglected before a report is made.

**See something? Say something. You could be their lifeline.**

