If You Suspect Child Abuse or Neglect,

CALL

1-800-96-ABUSE (22873)

1-800-453-5145 for TDD

**DO**
- Assess the child’s safety.
- Tell the child you are glad he/she told you.
- Get down to the child’s level to listen.
- Consult with a supervisor.

**DON’T**
- Tell anyone (other than the Hotline Counselor and your supervisor) what the child told you.
- React with shock or fear.
- Push for details that the child may not feel ready to share.
- Doubt your instincts or the child’s word.

**What Information is Helpful When Making a Call?**

1. Child’s name
2. Addresses and phone numbers for the family
3. Your name and contact information

Call if you have reason to suspect, even if you are unsure... the Hotline Counselor will determine if there should be a report.

For More Information:
Contact DCF Website or childwelfare.gov

Florida’s Supervised Visitation Programs: Protecting Children, Connecting Families
The Clearinghouse on Supervised Visitation, Institute for Family Violence Studies, College of Social Work, Florida State University
http://familyvio.csw.fsu.edu