

## HEARING A DISCLOSURE: RESPOND WITH CARE



### **Give comfort and affirm they've done the right thing.**

- You were brave to tell me.
- I believe you.
- I'm going to help you.

### **Don't start fact finding.**

Give children space to talk in their own words. Answers to questions below are helpful for safety and reporting, but not essential. Don't press for more than a child is ready to disclose.

- Tell me what happened.
- When?
- Is (name) a grown up or a kid?
- When is the next time you'll see them?
- Where did it happen?
- Did you tell anybody else? If so, who?