



Responding to Disclosures

What should I do?

When a child discloses;
Don't panic.
Breathe.
Stay calm.



Respond

- Thank the child for telling you
- Do not promise to keep what they tell you a secret
- Don't question the child too much or ask leading questions



Record

Take thorough notes of relevant details and what the child said in their own words.



Consult

Consult with the Designated Person or Manager, Oranga Tamariki, and/or Child Protection Policy.



Report

Report formally to Oranga Tamariki or the New Zealand Police.