



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

Record everything.



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.