

Responding to Disclosure

Reassure the victim that the assault was not their fault!

Listen without judging

Let them know you believe them

Tell them that survival is all that really matters

Encourage her to seek medical attention

Ask what they need from you.

Encourage them to talk about the assault with a rape crisis counselor or someone they trust.

Responding from a Child

Remain Calm.

Reassure the child.

- I'm glad you told me
- It is not your fault
- I will be here for you

Seek help for you and your child.

- Law enforcement
- Child protective services
- Crisis hotline
- Supportive friends and relatives
- Professional counselors