

# HOW TO RESPOND TO SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE OR CHILD IN NEED

## RECOGNIZING A NEED

### Where do we start? How do we know a child is in need?

- Get to the know the kids in your ministry.
- Be engaged in the classroom.
- Create a safe environment.

## RESPONDING TO A NEED

- Pray.
- Evaluate the situation.
- Gather information.
- Ask non-threatening questions.

## REPORTING A NEED

- Approach your Pastor, Children's Director or Ministry Leader.
- Contact proper authorities.
- Provide a detailed account of the situation.

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## NOTES

## RESOURCES

MANDATORY REPORTERS OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT  
(CHILDWELFARE.GOV)

[HTTPS://WWW.CHILDWELFARE.GOV/TOPICS/RESPONDING/REPORTING/HOW/](https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/responding/reporting/how/)