

## **When A Child Discloses Inappropriate Touching or Abuse:**

If a child tells you someone has made them uncomfortable, below is a guide to help you support your child:

Try to remain calm do not express shock, panic or disbelief.

Find a private place to talk.

Be a listener not an investigator - encourage the child to talk in his/her language and ask just enough questions to act protectively. Say, "Can you tell me more about that?" Try not conduct any form of interview with the child.

Reassure the child that he/she has done the right thing by telling you. Stress that what has happened is not his/her fault. Say, "You are not in trouble" and, "If I look or sound upset it is because adults want children to feel safe"

Check your tone of voice and help the child make sense of what you are feeling. Say, "I am feeling concerned for you. What can we do right now is talk about ways to help you feel safer."

Act protectively. Say, "You know some people do wrong things. It is up to grown-ups to protect children. Every child has a right to be safe; we have laws to help protect children."

Do not make promises you can't keep. (For example, promising you will not tell anyone, as you need to tell someone in order to get help for the child.)

Contact Warren County Children Services at 513-695-1580 and/or the Springboro Police and state that you need to report child abuse. You may remain anonymous.

Do not contact the abuser, regardless of who that person is, leave this to Children Services and/or the Police.

Children whose parents or caregivers are supportive heal more quickly from the abuse.

### **Need Further Support?**

If you have just discovered that your child or a child you care about has been abused, it may feel as if your world is falling apart. It is normal to need additional support as your family moves through the healing process. Parents may want to contact a mental health professional who has expertise in child trauma, or, alternatively, a pediatrician.

Talking to a professional can help assist in overcoming the distress associated with discovering that something has happened to your child .

Below is a list of recommended resources to consider.

### **Agape Counseling Center**

Centerville Office

175 S. Main Street

Centerville, Ohio 45458

(937) 434-0540

Recommended Therapist

**Ruth Kauffold PHD** (Clinical Psychologist)

\* works well with educators (former teacher)

### **Ziza Psychotherapy and Consulting**

**Nick Ziza, LPCC**

3131 S. Dixie Drive

Suite 400

Dayton, Ohio 45439

(937) 296-0607

\* children / adults / families

### **Springboro Counseling Therapy and Associates**

65 S Main St.

Springboro, OH 45066

937-748-8201

Recommended therapist

**Mary Miller, MSW**

### **The Highview Center**

10 S. Highview Road

Middletown, Ohio 45044

(513) 423-6621

### **South Dayton Counseling Center**

925 Congress Park Drive, Suite D

Dayton, Ohio

937-242-3298

Recommended therapist

**Peggy Volters, MS**

**Anchoring Hope**

325 S. N. Main St Ste 200  
Springboro, OH 45066

**ACCESS COUNSELING SERVICES**

4464 South Dixie Hwy.  
Middletown, OH 45005  
513-649-8008

Trauma specialist, 7 challenges AOD treatment for Adolescents, DBT Skills for Adolescents, Spanish speaking therapist.

**Compass Point Counseling**

10861 Yankee St.  
Dayton, OH 45458  
513-939-0300

**Bruce Kline**

529 E. Stroop Road  
Kettering, Ohio 45429  
(937) 294-6004

**Solutions Counseling**

50 Greenwood Ln,  
Springboro, OH 45066  
937-746-1154

\*They come into the school and conduct therapy during the school day if desired

**Warren County Children Services**

513-695-1580  
500 Justice Drive  
Lebanon, Oh 45036  
[www.co.warren.oh.us](http://www.co.warren.oh.us)

**Springboro Police Department**

937-748-0611  
320 W Central Ave  
Springboro, Oh 45066

