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Job Aid: Illustrative Referral Pathway

6 Other services over time are based on client's needs and choices

- Ongoing safety assessment
- People living with HIV and/or sexual and gender-based violence support groups
- Legal assistance services for justice systems involvement
- Trauma-informed psychosocial support services
- Caregiver and family support

5 After immediate response, follow up

Ongoing treatment and medication for STIs, HIV, side effect management

4 If a child's guardian wants to pursue legal action:

- Provide support for police reporting process
- Provide support for legal assistance services for immediate justice system engagement

(Statement taking/documentation can also happen at the health facility)

3 Immediate safety assessment and action planning

Determine temporary care arrangements, including transportation

2 Support child or adolescent's access to immediate medical/forensic and psychological care

The child's health and injury treatment should be prioritized over police questioning. Immediate treatment, care and support should include:

- Medical/forensic management
- Legally empowered medical practitioners to sign forms
- Risk assessment
- Immediate psychosocial support

1 A child or adolescent presents / A case is discovered

Children and adolescents should aim to seek medical attention within 72 hours of assault. However, frequently children and adolescents present as part of a different process, not within 72 hours

The most common entry-points into the referral pathway include: the health facility (especially if pregnant); police stations; and/or via community leadership/community groups.

ABOUT THIS TOOL

This job aid is an excerpt from the publication entitled, *Strengthening Linkages Between Clinical and Social/Community Services for Children and Adolescents who Have Experienced Sexual Violence: A Companion Guide*, which can be accessed at: https://aidsfree.usaid.gov/resources/prc-companion-guide.

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