Who are the school-aged children attending the Centre d'expertise Marie-Vincent?

One hundred seventy-seven (177) sexually abused children have been met in a pre-treatment evaluation, during the first five years of the Centre's service.

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The Centre receives more girls than boys. Studies indicate that girls are more often victims of sexual abuse than boys.

The mean age of children met for pre-evaluation treatment is 9 years.

- of mothers reported a history of child sexual abuse
What are the characteristics of the sexual assaults?

Two-thirds of children attending CEMV experienced severe gestures, such as attempted penetration, digital, vaginal or anal penetration, or oral-genital contacts.

Almost half of the children experienced a few episodes of sexual abuse. One-third experienced repetitive sexual assaults. For the latter, the sexual abuse lasted on average a little more than 2 years.

In almost all cases, the perpetrator is someone who is known by the child or the family. For two in three children, the perpetrator is a member of their immediate or extended family. Only a very small proportion of cases implicate a stranger.

"According to the collected data, children experienced their first episode of sexual abuse between the ages of 2 and 12. On average, they were 6½ years old at the time of the first episode."