Who are the parents of the school-aged children attending the Centre d’expertise Marie-Vincent?

One hundred twenty-eight (128) parents or parental figures accompanying their child(ren) victim(s) of sexual abuse were met for a pre-treatment evaluation.

- The Centre d’expertise Marie-Vincent (CEMV) offers services for children aged 12 and under who are victims of sexual abuse.
- The Marie-Vincent Interuniversity Chair conducts a research program related to the CEMV’s clientele that aims to:
  • Evaluate the needs and capacities of children and their families;
  • Evaluate the services offered at the CEMV;
  • Study the different developmental trajectories of children.

Main occupations of parents

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89 biological/adoptive mothers
32 biological/adoptive fathers
3 wives of the father
4 husbands of the mother
92 mothers (72%)
Average age: 38 years old
36 fathers (28%)
Average age: 41 years old

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What traumas have these adults experienced during childhood?

For each of the interpersonal traumas, the proportion of mothers is slightly higher. Statistically significant differences indicate that the mothers are more likely than the fathers...

- to have been a victim of sexual abuse (59% vs 13%)
- to have experienced emotional abuse (67% vs 36%)

“Among the adults who were sexually abused during their childhood, 80% disclosed the abuse and 35% received services.

Thus, 20% reported never disclosing the abuse experienced as children. And, 65% never sought or received services to help them.”