Echo from the Chair

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• The Centre d'expertise Marie-Vincent (CEMV) offers services for children aged 12 and under who are victims of sexual abuse.

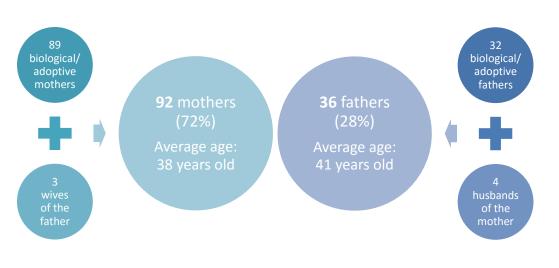
• The Marie-Vincent Interuniversity Chair conducts a research program related to the CEMV's clientele that aims to:

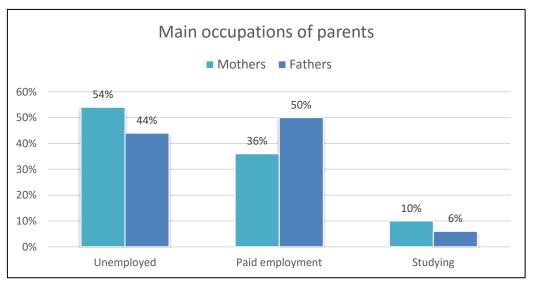
- Evaluate the needs and capacities of children and their families;
- Evaluate the services offered at the CEMV;
- Study the different developmental trajectories of children.



Who are the parents of the schoolaged 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.





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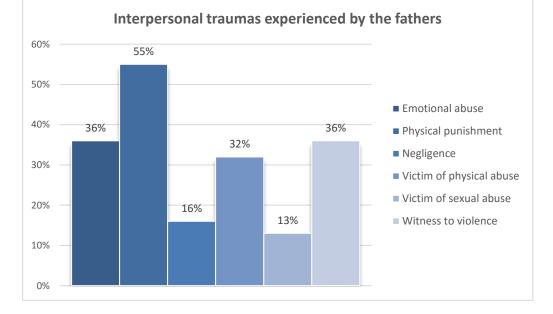
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" Among the adults who were sexually abused during their childhood, 80% disclosed the abuse and 35% received services.

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

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%)