

Help us build  
a world free of sexual violence  
toward children and teens



**SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR  
PROBLEMS (SBP)  
PROGRAM**



**WORKING FROM A PREVENTION PERSPECTIVE, THE MARIE-VINCENT FOUNDATION PROVIDES SPECIALIZED THERAPEUTIC SERVICES TO CHILDREN WHO HAVE SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR PROBLEMS.**

**FEW SERVICES ARE PROVIDED FOR THESE HIGH-NEEDS CHILDREN ACROSS THE PROVINCE. MARIE-VINCENT WANTS TO CONTINUE TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTION FOR THESE CHILDREN BY HELPING THEM TO DEVELOP IN THE BEST POSSIBLE WAY.**

### WHAT ARE SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR PROBLEMS ?

Sexual behaviour problems are a child's behaviours of a sexual nature that are **considered inappropriate to their age and developmental stage**. They may be harmful to the child himself or to other children involved.

**Certain indicators can help determine whether a behaviour is problematic:**

- Difference in age, size or status;
- Use of force, threats or intimidation;
- Adult sexual behaviours;
- Physical pain or unpleasant emotions;
- High frequency of the behaviour;
- Persistence of the behaviour despite limits set by the adult;
- Secrecy.

### A FEW NUMBERS

**1/3** of the children treated at Marie-Vincent have sexual behaviour problems

**Nearly 60 %** of children on the waiting list have sexual behaviour problems

**1 out of 6 children** receiving services from the DYP has sexual behaviour problems

### CHARACTERISTICS OF CHILDREN WITH SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR PROBLEMS

- These are children aged 12 and under.
- They have often experienced other trauma:
  - More than **60%** have been exposed to **psychological or physical family violence**;
  - More than **30%** have experienced **neglect, physical or psychological abuse, bullying, rejection, sexual assault or sexual exploitation**;
  - More than **50%** of these children's parents have **had problems with addiction**;
  - More than **33%** have parents with **mental health problems**;
  - More than **50%** of these children have experienced **two or more traumas**.
- They have difficulties such as **anxiety, isolation, certain aggressive behaviours, relationship problems, sleep or attention disorders** and more.

### WHAT ARE THE IMPACTS OF TREATMENT?

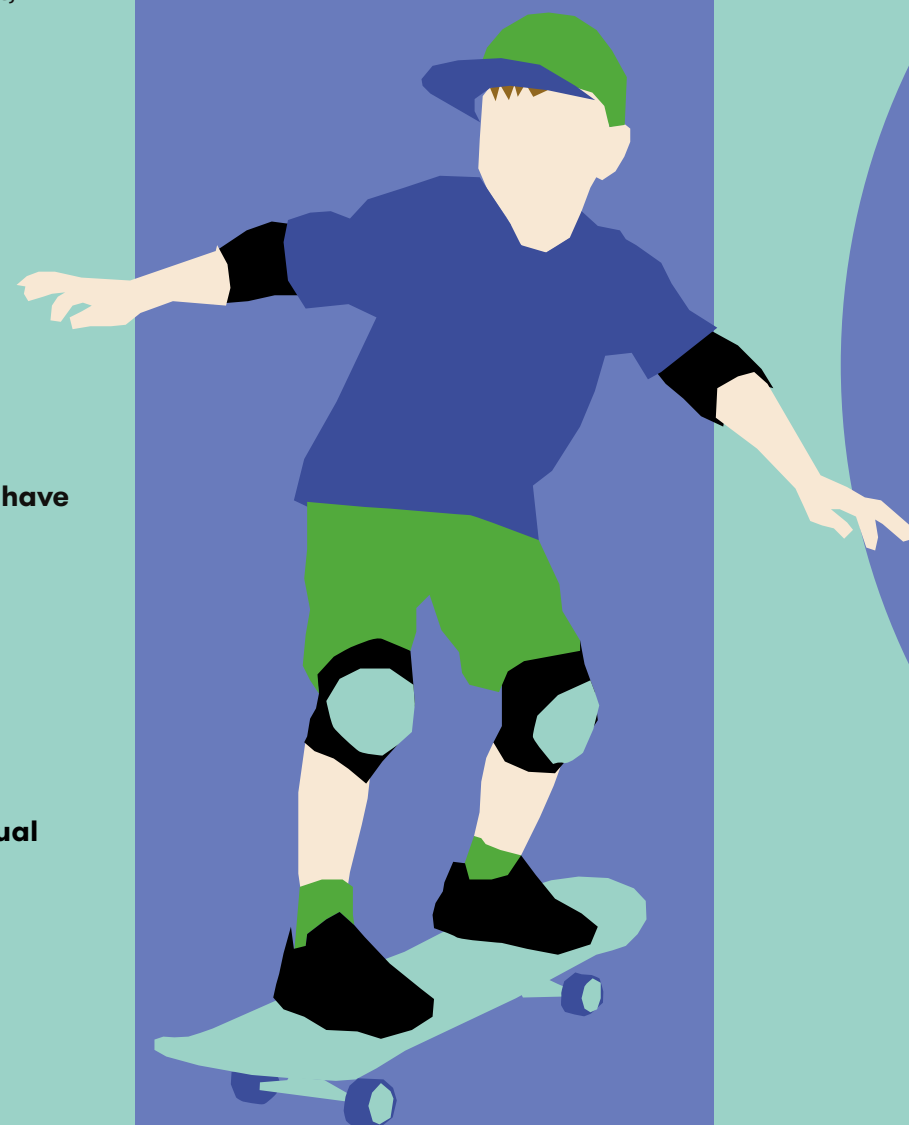
The treatment provided at Marie-Vincent helps the child, among other things, to:

- ✓ **identify, express and manage their emotions**;
- ✓ **recognize problematic sexual behaviours** and their consequences;
- ✓ **enhance their sex education**;
- ✓ **develop self-affirmation and self-protection skills**.

**The treatment provided to children who present with sexual behaviour problems is a form of prevention.**

These children are at high risk of becoming victims of sexual violence. When children better manage their emotions and recognizes the consequences of their actions, their sexual behaviour problems will stop.

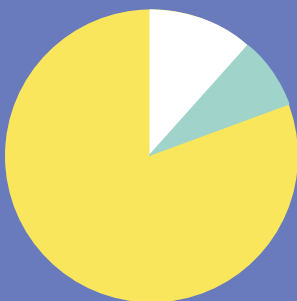
**They can then develop to their full potential.**



## OUR FINANCIAL NEEDS

## HELP US SUPPORT MORE CHILDREN EVERY YEAR

### RESOURCE DISTRIBUTION



SERVICES TO CHILDREN 80 %  
SUPPORT FOR THE CLINICAL TEAM 11 %  
SUPPORT FOR THE MISSION 9 %

### CURRENTLY

45 children per year  
→ \$ 255 000

### 2019 GOAL

50 children per year  
→ \$ 295 000

### 2020 GOAL

57 children per year  
→ \$ 345 000

Our ideal !

### 2020 GOAL

57 children and their parents  
per year  
→ \$ 380 000

"I'm ashamed of what I did, but with you, I  
never feel ashamed because I don't feel judged."

Alice, 10 years old