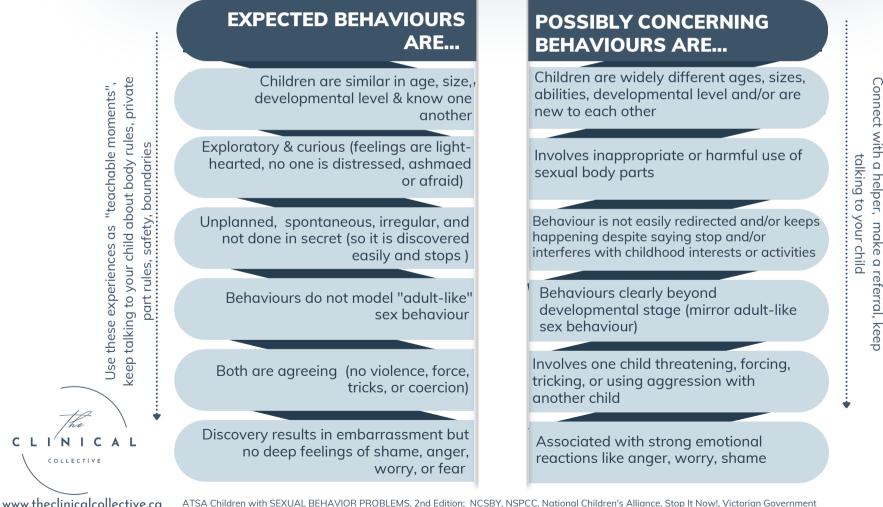
Expected? Concerning?

The subject of childhood sexual development and concerning sexual behaviours in children under 12 years is an understudied population and most sex and sexuality education is based on a white. Eurocentric standard. Sexual development doesn't start at puberty. It starts in utero. Early sexual development in children manifests as curiosity about one's own body, exploring its functions, traits, and attributes. It also involves a lot of feelings related to these discoveries. Children need and have the right to receive explicit responses related to issues concerning their sexual development and to receive age-appropriate information. skills. and attitudes to foster healthy development (Cacciatore et. al., 2020). Based on our review of the science and our experience working with families who have come to us with a concerning sexual behaviour question, here are some ideas that can help you understand if a child's sexual behaviour is expected or concerning:



Connect with a helper, make a referral, keep

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