

Problem
Sexualised
Behaviours

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- 1) What is sexualized behaviour?
- 2) What are 3 factors to consider in assessing the 'why' of sexualized behaviours?
- **3)** What are 5 strategies you can support families with when they are facing the challenge of sexualized behaviours?



What are we going to cover?

I am not an expert in this area!
I'm sharing my current knowledge and experience as a therapist

Define sexualized behaviour

Developmental and chronological issues

Respite, school and other settings

Extreme sexualised behaviours

Resources and strategies



What is sexualised behaviour?

Any behaviour that is of a sexual or intimate, personal space nature

Consentual behaviour in the context of a relationship of equal power and is age appropriate

Developmentally appropriate curiosity

Masturbation and self exploration in appropriate time and context

Consentual touch and appropriate personal and intimate space incursions



What is problem sexualized behaviour?

Any behaviour that is of a sexual or personal space nature that is not consentual or age and developmentally appropriate

Both parties do not have equal power

Developmentally appropriate curiosity however not situation, age and contextually sound

Masturbation and self exploration in inappropriate time and space

NON- consentual touch and inappropriate personal space incursions



Factors to consider when assessing the sexualised behaviours

How can we find the antecedent and solution?

Not on our own!

Anxiety, PDAS, ASD, ADHD, communication delay

Sensory in nature and physiological

Developmental in nature

Gap between selves and peers widening



Touching a parent or other person inappropriately

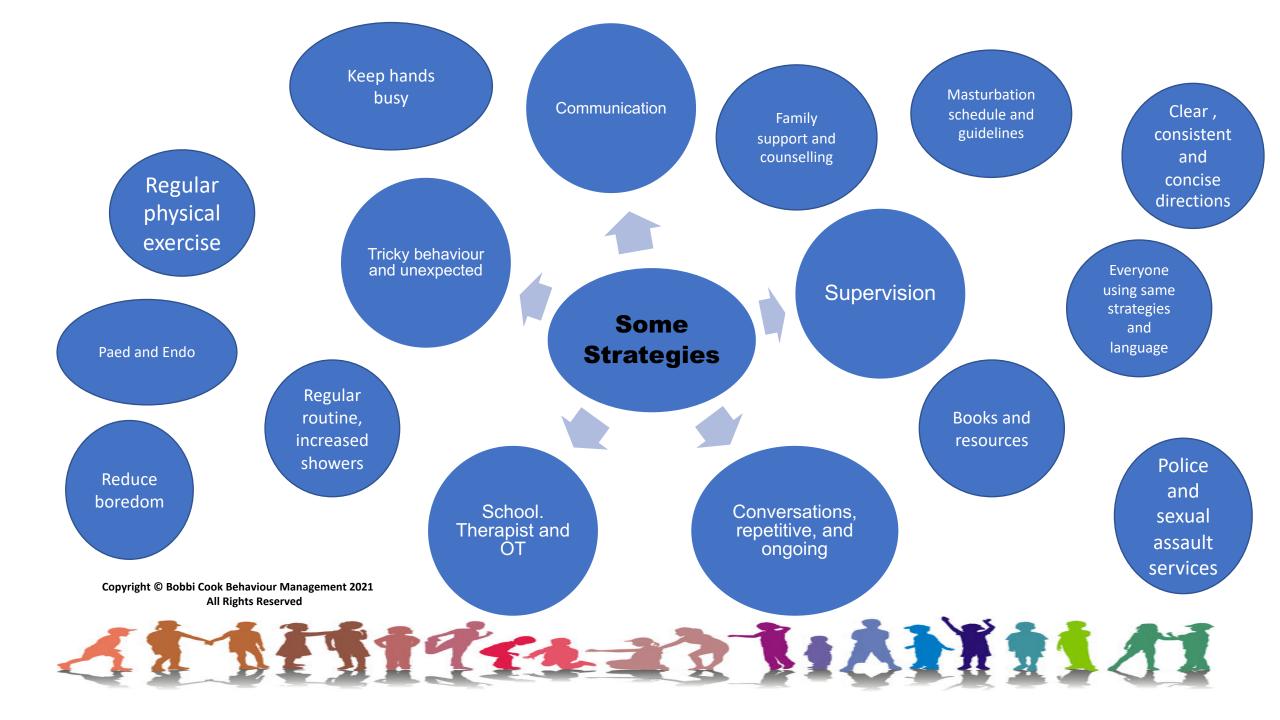
2 children in a respite setting

Scenarios and Responses

Fascination with sensory sensations and responses

Experimenting with language and trying to be funny







Is there a way through this?

Are my other children safe?

Will my child end up in jail?

It is frightening and stressful to be unable get a handle on this

Fear of what others will think

Am I ok?

What does the future look like?



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