

## What are to main obstacles, myths, misbelieves and fears that block children's CSE actualization?

- What is childhood sexuality?
- What is good-quality, developmentally adequate CSE?
- There is an "innocence" that is destroyed with any information.
- Giving information inspire children to do adult-sexual acts.
- Providing SE to children predispose children to sexual abuse.
- Children should be answered only if they ask and the thing they ask.
- Sexuality is a private family issue, not possible to handle outside family.



# Some examples of our campaign to correct myths and misconceptions in 2022

## BODY-EMOTION EDUCATION

True or false

"What's childhood sexuality"

Childhood sexuality is:

- curiosity, the joy of body, exploration and bodily function
- infatuation, feelings of pleasure, enjoyment and laughter
- questions, touching, gentleness, fooling around and mimicking
- wonderfully open, positive and natural
- a child gets familiar with life at a child's level



## BODY-EMOTION EDUCATION

True or false

"A child's innocence will break from all the information"

**FALSE!**

A child is only provided with age-appropriate information.

Openly speaking will create a safe environment for the child.

The most trustworthy and safe information comes from the child's closest adults.

Body-emotion education aims to protect the child from non-age-appropriate things, such as media made for adults, harmful and incorrect information.



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## BODY-EMOTION EDUCATION

True or false

"Sexuality begins at puberty."

**FALSE!**

With different ages, sexuality means other things.

Sexuality is ever-evolving throughout one's life.

As the child grows, their knowledge and interests change, and they need the information to be more accurate.

Childhood sexuality is curious, playful, enjoying their own body and trusting those closest to them. Protecting and supporting that starting from the baby years is extremely important.



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True or false

"Sexuality is a personal matter and shouldn't be taught publicly."

**FALSE!**



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Body-emotion education stems from scientific research about age-appropriate health information.

Children don't know about their rights or bodily autonomy, so it's crucial to teach children about them in a positive light at an early age.

Body-emotion education means naming body parts, respecting yourself and others, creating healthy boundaries and learning about social norms.

## BODY-EMOTION EDUCATION

True or false

"Children should only be answered if they ask, and only to what they ask"

**FALSE!**



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A child has the right to age-appropriate information, which includes sexuality.

There are many things that a child won't understand to ask about, such as their rights or safety skills.

Information should be available without the child having to ask for it.

A child could be too frightened to ask if their curiosity has been judged in the past.