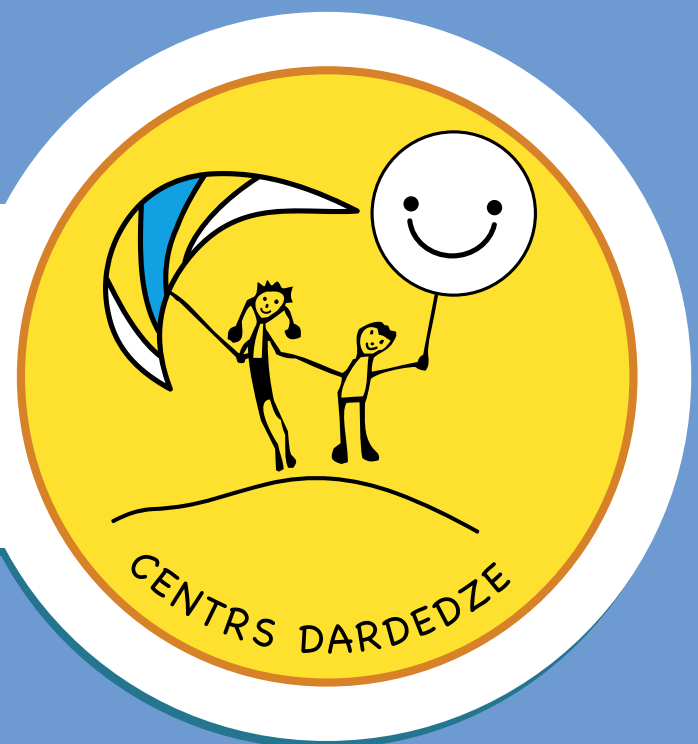


# Center against Abuse “Dardedze”

Annual Activity Report 2011



# Letter from the Board

Dear friends, partners and supporters!

It was 10 years ago when Center „Dardedze” served its first client. During these past 10 years our understanding of the problem of child abuse and neglect has expanded and grown through gaining more theoretical and practical knowledge, through facing countless challenges and learning painful but useful lessons.

While preparing for our 10 years anniversary celebration, we were able to reflect on our high and low points, identify what we have learnt from our 10 years' experience and what should be done differently. We were thankful to see that there have been so many achievements and victories along the way.

It is such a joy to do the job, knowing that the result of the work and hard efforts is actual help to children. Through this first decade of our work we have impacted not only the lives of children but many professionals, who work with children, attempting to create a common understanding of the child abuse and neglect phenomenon and the quality of services that should be delivered to every child who has faced this trauma in their lives, disregarding where he or she lives in our country. We



Team of Dardedze in 2011

truly hope that through our heart's attitude, knowledge and thrive towards excellence in every deed and task we work with; we have been able to prove Center „Dardedze” as a trustworthy partner in the system of service provider to children and families.

Looking into the next 10 years of our work, we know that we will attempt to continue our work in prevention of child abuse for the yet unborn babies – helping the becoming parents prepare for the big task of parenting ahead of them; newborn babies – helping the new parents learn non violent and child friendly

parenting skills in „Guardian Angel” program; pre school and early school age children – teaching them personal safety skills in relationship with other people in „Džimba Safety program”; teenagers – helping them see that a small step of courageous friendship can change their environments making them more safe and tolerant in „Courage to be friendly” program; children who have become victims of abuse in relationships with adults or children involved in Criminal proceedings as victims or witnesses in all of the work we do at „Dardedze”.

In this Annual Activity report

of 2011 we invite you to take a small glance in each of our programs, so we can share a small piece of what we do in our lives with grateful hearts for your belief in our work and generous support!

Together we can change the world to become a safe and friendly place for the children and families.

On behalf of Center „Dardedze”

**Agnese Megne**

Chair of the board of Center „Dardedze”

## Center Against Abuse „Dardedze”



Center Against Abuse „Dardedze” is a non - governmental, non - profit organization working to prevent child abuse in Latvia and to provide direct help to

children exposed to sexual, physical, emotional abuse and neglect.

Our vision and mission is planted in the belief that

every child has the right to feel safe, to be loved, cared for, nurtured and respected. Therefore the professional team of our center works towards enhancing:

- child's safety and protection at home (in the family)
- child's safety and protection at school
- child's safety and protection in residential placements
- child's safety on line
- child's safety in community

We actively work towards preventing child abuse in all levels, and provide support and help when child abuse occurs. We believe that by emphasizing public opinion, educating society and by early identification of high risk and early intervention providing help to families with children at risk, we can prevent child abuse and protect our children from all forms of violence.

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# Programs in 2011

## Helping abused children and families

Since the first day of Dardedze one of the main tasks has been to provide assistance to children who have been victims of sexual, physical, emotional abuse and neglect.

We work with a child and family both to process trauma caused by abuse and to provide every possible support to his family, as well as work in a preventive manner to provide support to families where there is a high risk of child abuse.

Depending on each case,

we work either with individual, family or group approach for assessment or therapeutic purposes, with sand therapy, play therapy, theraplay, etc.

Our team of professionals – social workers, psychologists, psychotherapist, vocational therapist, art therapist, lawyer always works using multi disciplinary approach, engaging all responsible parties for the best outcome of the case that would be in the best interests and needs of a child.



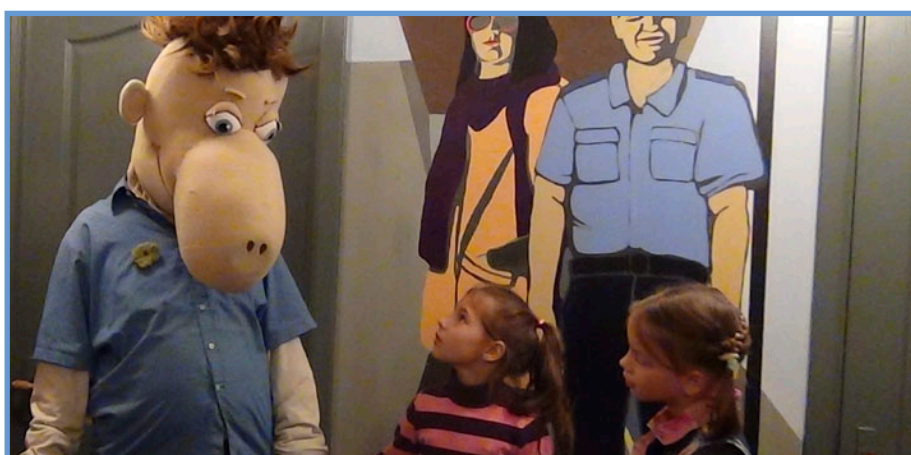
Carried out since:	2001
Goal of the program:	Provide assistance to children affected by abuse and their families and caregivers; to reduce trauma caused by it and strengthen and support the child and family
In 2011 program was funded by:	Riga City Council, Oak foundation, Save the Children Sweden
How many children reached through the program:	175 (93 girls, 82 boys)
How many parents reached through the program:	284 (218 women, 66 men)



Waiting area for children and families



## “Džimba safety program” Child abuse prevention program



Džimba meets children at His Safety House

Hi! My name is Džimba. I live in Dardedze and with the help of excellent team I teach children and adults the Safety rules in relationships with both strangers and people whom we know, with adults and peers. I believe that every child should receive instructions on personal safety and also every parent or educator should receive support and guidelines on how to teach personal safety to their children. During school

time I meet many children, parents and teachers here at the center Dardedze every day. In order to meet those outside Riga – I have many little brothers who together with kindergarten teachers meet kids in kindergartens or other facilities all around Latvia. I talk in Latvian and Russian (and sometimes even English), so every child who meets me can understand what I am teaching in their own language.



Little Džimba hand puppets who work all around Latvia together with safety training

Descriptions of program where Džimba participates:

1. Džimba safety trip.
2. Džimba safety 9 step program in kindergartens.
3. Džimba Safety Summer schools.
4. Family safety mornings with Džimba.



Džimba Safety trip for 1st – 3rd grade children in Dardedze



Children first meet Džimba on the train before the Safety trip

Džimba Safety Trip for 1st – 3rd grade students is a 2 - 3 hours long interactive adventure during which children learn 8 personal safety rules that are important in reducing the risk of these children to become victims of violence.

The knowledge of the program participants is being assessed before they attend the Safety trip program, as well as after 1 month and after 6 month to 1 year after children have attended to program. Results show that children's knowledge change dramatically after attending program. For example, when children were

asked if they would go and help a stranger to find the lost kitten, 87 % said that they would go and help before attending the program. After the program 89 % children gave correct answer, stating that they would not go and would tell an adult they trusted about it.

Carried out since:	2009
In 2011 program was funded by:	Carnegie Social Initiative Fund
How many children reached through the program:	2712 children
How many teachers reached through the program:	133 teachers

Džimba Safety birthday parties

Džimba safety birthday parties is good opportunity to organize a great, fun party, while at the same time teach children about personal safety in relationship with other people. In 2011 Džimba celebrated 13 birthday parties with 180 children.



Drawing for Džimba from children

Family safety mornings with Džimba

In February we started family safety mornings with Džimba. Once a month on Saturday mornings parents and children travel through Džimba safety program together and spend quality time learning about safety, talking about dangerous situations and at the end baking special Džimba cookies and playing games. These workshops have become very popular and all of the monthly Family Mornings are booked early on. In 2011 we held 8 family mornings with 89 participants (42 adults and 47 children).



Child baking cookies with his dad

Džimba Safety 9 step program in pre-schools and first three grades in schools in other parts of Latvia

Džimba Safety 9 step program was developed in order to make information about personal safety more available to the children that live far from Riga and cannot visit Džimba program in Dardedze. Goal of the program is to prevent child abuse through comprehensive and consistent knowledge for children in personal relationship with other people. In 2011 there were 11 new Džimba safety trainers (or Džimba agents) trained and now there are 25 educators who voluntary lead the 9 step program in their pre-schools or schools.

Carried out since:	2009
How many children reached through the program:	818 children
How many teachers reached through the program:	45 teachers



Teacher uses pictures to tell children about good touches and bad touches



Džimba's agents from Ogre region



# Džimba Safety Summer Schools

It is a 5 day interactive day camp for children 4 – 7 years old, involving their parents. This program is a fun, interactive way to learn Safety rules in relationships with other people – adults, peers, and strangers and also persons that children know well.

During camp children:

- learn what personal safety is and that they have the rights to be safe;
- learn to identify deceptive behavior (it's not what

people look like, their age or how well you know them – it's what they ask you to do that is important);

- restore instincts and feelings (how to trust and act upon their feelings and instincts);
- builds self confidence (if they feel valuable, they feel worthy of being safe);

In the summer of 2011 Dardedze organized 4 five day camps with 59 children ( three in Latvian and one in Russian).

Carried out since:	2008
In 2011 program was funded by:	Participation fee for each child
How many children reached through the program:	59 childrens (and their parents)



[www.dzimba.lv](http://www.dzimba.lv)

A specially designed web site to keep in touch with children who have attended the program, who plan to attend, as well as parents and educators.

Since 2007 Center „Dardedze” maintains a special child safety web resource [www.dzimba.lv](http://www.dzimba.lv).

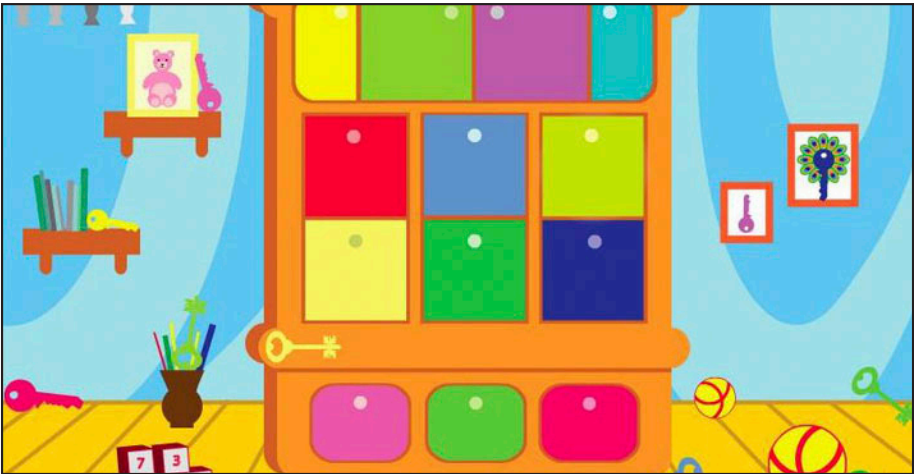
It serves as a communication link with children who have attended different parts of Džimba Safety program –

they write to Džimba their stories, send pictures, share situations in which they have acted in a safe way, or write about their concerns, asking for the advice. This year we have also started monthly video greetings where Džimba addresses different aspects of the personal safety issue, reminding children what they have learned. There are also interactive safety games that children can play, gaining additional knowledge.

giving them guidelines and support on how to talk to their children teaching them personal safety in relationship with other people. There is also available lesson plan with a description for 1st – 3rd grade teachers on how to conduct a Safety lesson for the whole class using child friendly and non threatening approach for downloading and using in the class hours.

There were 15 150 unique visitors on the [www.dzimba.lv](http://www.dzimba.lv) during 2011.

Web site also addresses adults–parents and educators,



## Courage to be friendly Anti bullying program

This is a special program designed to help schools and other child related institutions and organizations to build child friendly environment, develop anti-bullying policy and intervention plan in case bullying takes place. This program involves students, schools' staff and parents. Courage to be friendly was started and still remains as a part of the “Friends Across the borders” project started by Save the Children Sweden to be carried out in all three Baltic States – Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia, giving each

country the freedom to design the program according to individual needs and challenges.

Courage to be friendly activities in 2011:

- In 2011 we continued to lead “Courage to be friendly” sessions in schools all around Latvia for 5th – 9th grade. 110 sessions were held in 30 schools with 2024 students.
- In May international expert Vivi Havia held 3 day seminar on anti-mobbing strategy development and

implementing. In this seminar participated representatives from several schools from our Courage to be friendly school network – principal of the school, social pedagogue and administration and as a result each school developed their own strategy in prevention bullying. Dardedze continues to spread the idea of necessity of having anti bullying plan and plan for intervention in cases of school bullying before something serious happens.



Courage to be friendly session in class room



- In cooperation with the Ministry of Education, we recruited 8 youth organizations as partner organizations in implementing Courage to be friendly in other parts of Latvia to reach more young people with anti bullying message. As a result these partner organizations held 43 Courage to be friendly sessions in 12 schools reaching 418 children in the second part of the 2011.
- In September we organized three day training for 15 volunteers in Forum Theater approach to be included in the 2nd step of the Courage to be friendly program continuing the work with young people in schools. Forum Theater is an interactive method to look at

the problem and it stimulates children to analyze, show empathy and search for solution. Every student of the class has an opportunity to intervene and change the situation. This method has proved itself as productive and in 2011 we implemented Forum Theater approach in working with 1429 students and 65 teachers in 14 schools.

- In 2011 we organized numerous workshops for parents and teachers to help them understand the phenomena of bullying and their role in preventing bullying in schools. We had an opportunity to work with 224 parents and 179 teachers during 2011.



Forum theater



Volunteers get trained to be equipped to lead "Courage to be friendly" lessons in home towns

Carried out since:	2008
Program goals:	To prevent the problem of bullying in schools and raise of the problem in our society
In 2011 program was funded by:	Save the children Sweden, Baltijas Tranzita Serviss, Ltd
How many children reached through the program in 2011:	3955 children
How many teachers reached through the program in 2010:	179 teachers
How many parents reached through the program in 2010:	224 parents

## Guardian angel

### Child abuse prevention and early intervention program for families at risk with young children

Guardian angel is a community based prevention program for young parents with children 0-3 years old. This program is for new parents (parents at risk), providing education in child development, parent and child relationships, and adult relationships; information on community resources; and enhancing parent-child bonding and attachment. The main goal is early intervention and prevention of child abuse in these families.

In this program we are involving volunteers from community to train them to become support persons for high risk families with children. Volunteer from community becomes informal help and support to family - being a

role model, friend and support in the most difficult time of this family life, almost like a "Guardian angel". Volunteers are regularly trained, supervised, monitored and supported by professional staff to ensure healthy relationship between all parties.

In 2011 participations in groups has increased and social workers in Riga Social Services have acknowledged how participation in program improves their clients parental skills and reduces the risk of child abuse and bases for removing child from the family. They have appreciated it as a resource in their daily work with families, especially young families where they can learn and feel more confident in raising their children.



Little babies and their parents have arrived to take part in the Guardian Angel support group





A rather important accomplishment in 2011 was that also several fathers have joined the program who are motivated to improve their parenting skills. We run groups both in Latvian and Russian, so also Russian speaking parents can join and understand. Group meetings are open. Groups are lead by social workers, who time by time invite other experts to equip parents with some specific knowledge, for example vocational

therapist. Participation in group has equipped them not only with new knowledge but also with new social contacts, social skills. Guardian Angel program teaches families the importance of establishing their family traditions and customs. We celebrate different festivities together, and many parents appreciate it, as this is the first time for them, allowing them to be able to pass it forward to their children later on.



Celebrating Easter together

Carried out since:	2002
Program goals:	To provide early intervention in the high risk families with young children and prevent child abuse in the families, providing both formal and informal support from professionals and trained volunteers from local community.
In 2010 program was funded by:	Foundation "Ziedot.lv", Oak foundation, Save the children Sweden
How many children reached through the program in 2011:	18 children
How many parents reached through the program in 2011:	20 parents
Volunteers engaged in 2011:	15 volunteers

## Pathways to competence

This is parent support group program for parents of children 0 – 7 years old with the aim to reduce child abuse risk in these families. Families are referred either by social services, schools, and hospitals or may sign up themselves. The purpose of this group is to train parents to reduce risk of child abuse in these families. In groups parents together with an expert are discussing such topics as child development, understanding the needs of a child, nonviolent disciplining,

building attachment, playing with your child, family traditions, etc.

At the same time special group for children is held as well, where children learn positive communication skills and problem solving.

Groups are held for both – Latvian and Russian speaking families.

Carried out since:	2002
Program goals:	To train parents in non violent parenting approaches and help them build their own informal support networks to prevent child abuse in these families.
In 2011 program was funded by:	Save the children Sweden
How many children reached through the program in 2011:	91 children
How many parents reached through the program in 2011:	49 parents





# Child as a witness or victim of crime

Since year 2001 we are also active in providing support to children who are involved in criminal proceedings as witnesses or victims of crime. We have often faced the situations where children have been severely traumatized by involvement in criminal proceedings due to the lack of consideration of children having special needs when being involved in this proceeding.

Dardedze was one of the first Centers in the Baltic States establishing Child friendly forensic interview room, where children are interviewed in the presence of especially trained professional, reducing the anxiety and traumatization level of a child. We also provide supportive services to the child and family protecting from the harmful experiences when undergoing Criminal Proceedings.

In 2011 we were able to provide support in 72 cases.

In this program we organize public awareness raising events and special training courses for law enforcement professionals – police, prosecutors and judges – to help them keep focus on the child's best interests in every case.

Programs web resource with information and resources related to issues of child as a witness or victim of crime: [www.bernskacietusais.lv](http://www.bernskacietusais.lv)



Child forensic interview process

## Active projects in 2011

### Child sexual abuse – prevention, protection and support to child victims

**Funded by:** Embassy of the Netherlands

**Time period of the project:** September 2011 – December 2011

**Objectives of the project:**

- 1) To raise public awareness of child sexual abuse.
- 2) To promote the child protection system in Latvia regarding child sexual abuse and exploitation. Facilitate decision makers and policymakers to adopt international normatives thus improving the situation in this regard in Latvia.
- 3) Improve professional capacity and knowledge of professionals working with sexually abused children.
- 4) Enlarge the access to professional literature and materials in Latvian language about child sexual abuse.

### Give „5” for Safety

**Funded by:** Swiss Confederation and Republic of Latvia through the Latvian – Switzerland partnership program, “NVO fonds” and Ogre municipality

**Time period of the project:** December 2010 – September 2011

**Partners of the project:** Ogre Development Agency

**The objective of the project** „Give „5” for Safety” was to promote the improvement of quality of life for children who are exposed to social exclusion and poverty in remote rural areas within Ogre municipality. Project „Give „5” for Safety” increased the awareness of 422 preschool and elementary school children about dangerous and unsafe situations as well as gave them skills and abilities for proper actions in these situations. The project focused on children from poor and disadvantageous families outside Ogre City, children whose parents are abroad and children from orphanages.

### Preventing and fighting sexual exploitation of children

**Funded by:** European Commission

**Time period of the project:** December 2011- December 2013

**Partners of the project:** Children Support Centre (Paramos vaikams centras LT), Nobody's Children Foundation (Fundacja dzieci niczyje PL)



This transnational project aims to improve the system of children sexual exploitation prevention and intervention in Lithuania, Latvia and Poland. The main goal is to develop strategies and instruments for the improvement of children sexual exploitation prevention and intervention system, by reaching these specific objectives:

- To investigate and analyze the current situation of child victimization in Lithuania, Latvia, Poland;
- To improve coordination and collaboration among local authorities, law enforcement and other institutions;
- To strengthen the knowledge and awareness of local law and children protection authorities by exchanging best practices and strategies among project and other EU countries;
- To strengthen the knowledge and skills of multi-disciplinary professionals by continuous training and supervision;
- To help sexual exploitation victims and witnesses to overcome their trauma and facilitate their participation in legal procedures;
- To develop and implement children sexual exploitation prevention tools by exchanging countries' practices and instrument.

## Protecting the right of child-victims of crime to psychological assistance and child-friendly interviewing procedures.

**Funded by:** European Commission, Directorate-General Justice, Freedom and Security; Directorate D: Fundamental Rights and Citizenship

**Time period of the project:** June 2011 - May 2013

**Partners of the project:** Nobody's Children Foundation (Poland), Social Activities and Practices Institute (Bulgaria), Children Support Center (Lithuania)

**The general goal of the project is:**

- To enhance professional knowledge of specialists working in the area of diagnosis and intervention, as well as psychological and legal assistance offered to child-victims of sexual abuse and child-victims of domestic violence, their parents or legal guardians.
- Enhancing professional competence of individuals working with child-victims of sexual abuse and child-victims of domestic violence, along with creating National Networks of Assistance to Children Victims of Crime will facilitate swifter access to help for families who - for financial reasons - cannot rely on commercially available psychological and legal assistance.
- Executing the project by means of conducting an educational and information campaign is also bound to raise awareness of the public - including children and parents - in the partnering countries regarding sexual violence and the rights of children who fell victim to sexual abuse and domestic violence.

## Child witness with special needs

**Funded by:** European Commission, Directorate-General Justice, Freedom and Security; Directorate E: Justice

**Time period of the project:** May 2011 – April 2013

**Partners of the project:** Nobody's Children Foundation (Poland), Social Activities and Practices Institute (Bulgaria), Children Support Center (Lithuania)

**Specific objectives of the project:**

- The main objective of the project is the protection of child victims of crime involved in legal procedures and promotion and protection of rights of child victims/ witnesses.
- Specific objectives: Providing psychological and legal support to child victims of crime and their caregivers.
- Improving competencies of professionals working with such children in the area of supporting children and standards of interviewing children in legal procedures.
- Undertaking lobbying activities aimed at improving the situation of child victims of crime and their families through legislative changes.
- Gathering data related to interviewing child victims of crime.
- Carrying out publishing activities increasing knowledge on supporting child victims of crime and interviewing procedures.
- Increasing knowledge of professionals, children and their caregivers about this topic and the possibilities of intervention in such cases and also about the children rights in legal procedures through running websites.

## Childhood without abuse – towards a better child protection system in Easter Europe

**Funded by:** OAK foundation

**Time period of the Project:** 2010 – 2013. This is a second stage of the project. The first stage of the project was 2005 – 2009.

**Partners of the Project:** Social Activities and Practices Institute (Bulgaria), Nobody's Children Foundation (Poland), Children Support Center (Lithuania), National Center for Child Abuse Prevention (Moldova), Child Well Being Fund (Ukraine)

**Project activities are aimed** at improving the child protection system in Eastern Europe. The major goal of this project is to improve the competencies of professionals working with children exposed to violence and abuse, as well as to raise general public's sensitivity to the problem of child abuse.

**The specific objectives of the program include:**



- Educating the society, broadening public knowledge about prevention of child abuse and neglect, and empowering intervention opportunities;
- Changing the attitudes of parents and caregivers associated with child rearing and child protection;
- Diagnosing attitudes, knowledge and skills of Eastern Europe's professionals working with abused children and improving their competencies through training programs, supervisions, site visits, publications and research;
- Developing regional standards and solutions in the field of child abuse and neglect based on proven strategies used in other countries and by more experienced organizations participating in the project.
- Lobbying for the introduction of legislative amendments necessary for changing and implementing social policies that would ensure effective child protection

The project involves social campaigns, lobbying in favor of legislative changes and building an integrated child support system; publishing educational materials addressed to professionals, parents and children. As well as organizing conferences, training sessions, supervisions, site visits and conducting research on social attitudes towards child abuse;

More detailed information about this project is available at [www.canee.net](http://www.canee.net)

## Making a difference: joint response to child abuse in Zemgale district, Riga, Latvia.

**Funded by:** Oak foundation

**Time period of the project:** October 2009 – September 2012

**Main goal of this project** is to establish and support professional network providing services for abused children and families, as well as advocating for the best interests of children in Latvia.

**Specific objectives of the project:**

- To improve the protection of children from abuse through building the capacity of police, social workers, doctors and other Child Abuse and Neglect professionals and better coordinating their efforts.
- To empower parents and the community to better protect their children.
- To provide direct services for children who are victims of abuse.

## Helping abused children and preventing child abuse in Latvia (Violence prevention)

**Funded by:** Save the children Sweden

**Time period of the project:** January 2011 – December 2011

**Specific objectives of the project:**

- To train up to 30 parents of young children in non abusive parenting approaches through a specially designed 10 step program "Pathways to competence".
- Provide support for additional clients in the situation of child abuse or high risk situations.
- To involve local community in providing support to young high risk families with young children thus reducing the risk of child abuse in these families.
- To enable Dardedze to function and run its preventive and therapeutic programs in times of financial recession in the country.

## Child as a victim or witness in Criminal proceedings

**Funded by:** Swiss Confederation and Republic of Latvia through the Latvian – Switzerland partnership program.

**Time period of the project:** December 2010 – November 2011

**Partners of the project:** Center "Valdardedze" in Valmiera, Talsi crises center, Latgale regional support center "Rasas perles" and Ventspils Crises center for families and children "Pasparne", as well as Riga Council Welfare department.

**Specific objectives of the project:**

- To promote integrated action of the institutions involved in investigation and court procedures, when child is involved in the criminal proceedings as a victim or witness of crime.
- To protect the best interests of the child involved in criminal proceedings and to promote the renewal of his/her life quality.
- To develop guidelines and standards of child friendly interviewing; as well as adapt and absorb theses guidelines and standards into practice.

## Involving volunteers in improving child safeguarding in families

**Funded by:** Swiss Confederation and Republic of Latvia through the Latvian – Switzerland partnership program.

**Time period of the project:** December 2010 – May 2012.

**Specific objectives of the project:**

- Based on the best volunteering practices in the world, to develop a volunteer system in Latvia to provide informal support to families with young children in crises.



- To recruit and train 50 volunteers in providing support to up to 100 children in crises families.
- To develop a NGO and municipality partnership model in implementing the volunteer informal support to families program.
- To train 16 volunteer mentors/supervisors who would provide assistance to support to volunteers in working with the families.

Partners of the Project: Vidzeme regional support center "Valdardze", Talsi crises center, Ventspils crisis center for families and children "Pasparne" and Riga City Welfare Department.

## Evaluation of quality of social rehabilitation service for children who have suffered from violence

Funded by: Latvian Children's Fund

Time period of the Project: June 2011- November 2011

Partners of the project: Latvian Children's Fund, Ministry of Welfare.

Specific objectives of the Project:

Evaluate the work of 7 crisis centers that are providing residential services to abused children, and the eligibility of services by these centers. As a result of the project a joint criteria and standards for assessing the quality of the services provided at Crisis centers for children - victims of abuse - were developed and applied.

## Smack free home for each child

Funded by: European Commission Daphne III programme

Time period of the project: February 2011 – January 2013

Partners of the project: Nobody's Children Foundation in Poland, Children Support Centre in Lithuania and Social Activities and Practice Institute from Bulgaria.

Objective of the project is:

To raise awareness of parents of young children (aged 0-3) on the negative consequences of corporal punishment and any other cruel behaviour towards young children in home environment and to enhance their practical knowledge on positive discipline methods in 4 countries: Bulgaria, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland.

The main activities of the project are:

- Elaboration of expertise on young child protection system and preparation of recommendations that are presented to authorities and media;
- Raising awareness on positive parenting and upbringing without violence by leading a social campaign, creating a webpage, publishing materials; To recruit and train 50 volunteers in providing support to up to 100 children in crises families.
- Equipping professionals with practical tools for educating parents by preparing a workshop scenario about upbringing without smacking and train the trainers to be able to lead workshops for parents based on the scenario;
- Enhancing parents skills in upbringing without violence by publishing educational materials and conducting workshops for parents;
- Exchange of good practices at EU level in international conferences and national seminars.

## BE supportive, NOT violent! Positive parenting for happy children!

Funded by: European Commission Daphne III programme

Time period of the project: January 2011 – December 2012

Partners of the project: Romanian Society for Lifelong Learning, Save the Children Romania Organization in Romania, Nobody's Children Foundation in Poland, Municipality of Sassuolo in Italy, Åmål municipality in Sweden and Polibienestar Research Institute of University of Valencia in Spain.

The overall goal of the project is:

To raise awareness on the negative effects of corporal and verbal punishment of children, as well as at promoting positive parenting and non-violent raising of children in all environments (home, school or any other institutional or non-institutional setting).

Specific objectives are:

- Research on the national programmes and legislations existing in the European partner countries against corporal punishment of children, as well as research on children's experiences of violence in their homes, schools and other settings;
- Build on the good practices of positive parenting existing at European level in order to create a new model of parenting education that promotes positive and non-violent child raising;
- Develop educational and informational materials both for children and parents, teachers and other carers;
- Organising awareness raising seminars for professionals that work with children, national and international conferences for parents and professionals.



# Campaigns in 2011

## “Bad touch”

**Period of the campaign:** 03.10.2011. – 24.11.2011.

**Message of the campaign:** Children who have experienced bad touch want to remain invisible.

**Goal of the campaign:** to raise public awareness of child sexual abuse and to provide parents, professionals and children with the knowledge and information how to act in cases of child sexual abuse.

Bad touch campaign was simultaneously implemented in Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Ukraine, and Bulgaria. It was initiated by our partner organization in Poland – Nobody's Children Foundation.

A launching event of the campaign was organized as a Round table discussion and Press Conference at the same time. The participants of the round table – Ministry of Welfare, State Children's Rights Inspectorate, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, State Police, Ministry of Justice, as well as NGOs providing services to children – victims of abuse – discussed the current system of protection and services in relation to the

problem of child sexual abuse. The purpose of the discussion was also to promote the signing of the Lanzarote Convention.

In this period we conducted not only media campaign, but also carried out special activities and events such as parent workshops on what to teach your children about child sexual abuse, trainings for professionals and for children, placing new interactive games that teach about their safety on [www.dzimba.lv](http://www.dzimba.lv) and many other.

**Supporters of the campaign:** The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, [www.draugiem.lv](http://www.draugiem.lv), Pilsētas līnijas, Bez tabu, JCDecaux, SKDS, Cohn&Wolfe, OAK Fondation, European Commission

**Partners of the campaign:** Ministry of Welfare – their main involvement was to provide informative support. There were 7 regional partners of the campaign – 7 Crises centers providing services to abused children. They organized local network discussions, communicated with local media and distributed materials to cover all of Latvia with the message of the campaign.



Poster in the city



Round table discussion

## “Courage to be friendly”

**Period of conducting:** November – December 2011

This year's anti bullying campaign was mainly focused on online activities, where people were invited to go on our program's web site [www.drosmedraudzeties.lv](http://www.drosmedraudzeties.lv) to click and give their voice to make a statement against bullying. Visual idea of the campaign was – let's fill up the jar with friendship and tolerance. As a part of campaign we organized an Open Door Day in partnership with Riga City Youth Center and Riga City Student Council to introduce all interested Youth organizations, schools and individuals with our activities and anti-bullying work in program „Courage to be friendly”. As a result new partnerships with youth organizations were established.

*The process of filling the jar of friendship on [www.drosmedraudzeties.lv](http://www.drosmedraudzeties.lv) during the online campaign*

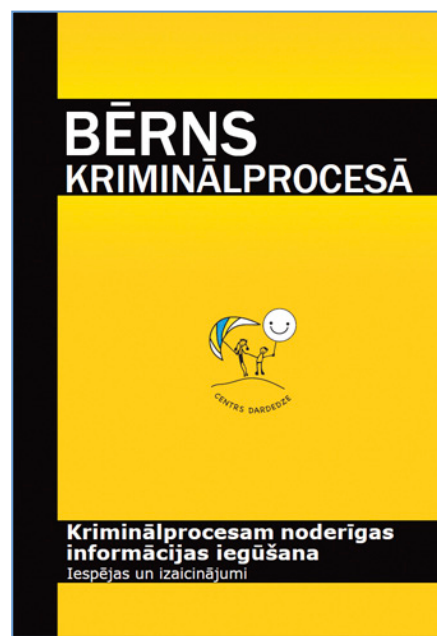




# Publications in 2011



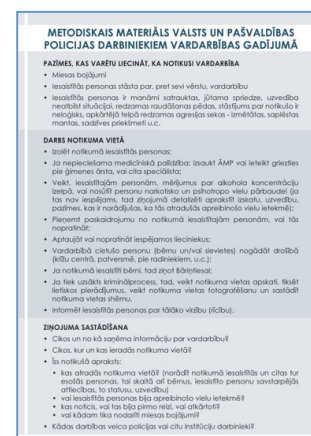
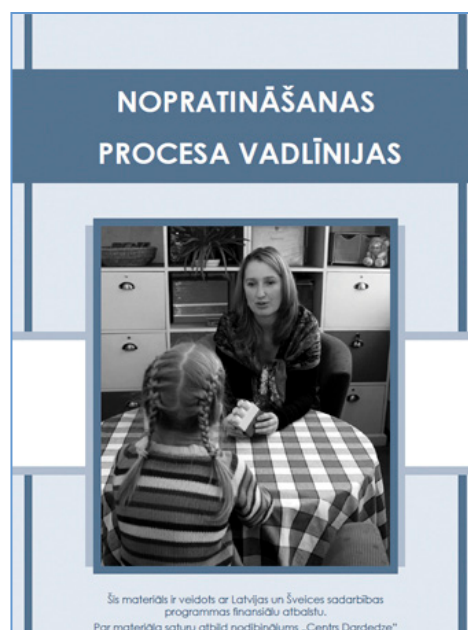
Brochure "30 days in life of a child" where children are telling about their experience in residential institutions and illustrating the concept of resilience.



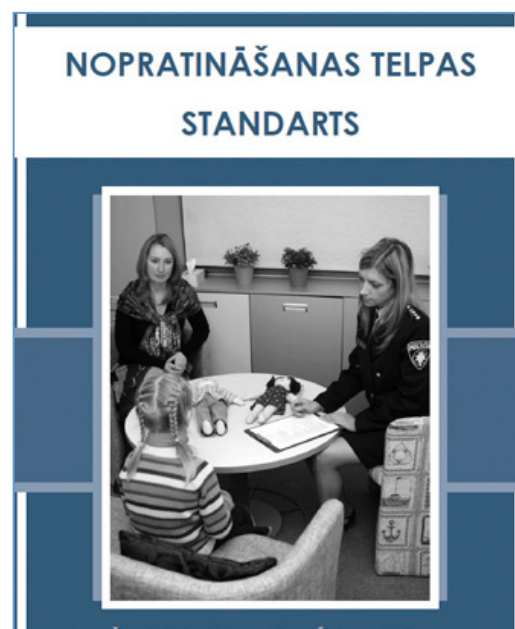
Manual for professionals: Child in Criminal Proceedings – challenges and opportunities.



Manual for professionals working with children victims of sexual abuse: Vasa Tool Box.



Material package for police officers on child friendly interviewing, guidelines and standards of child friendly interviewing room, materials.

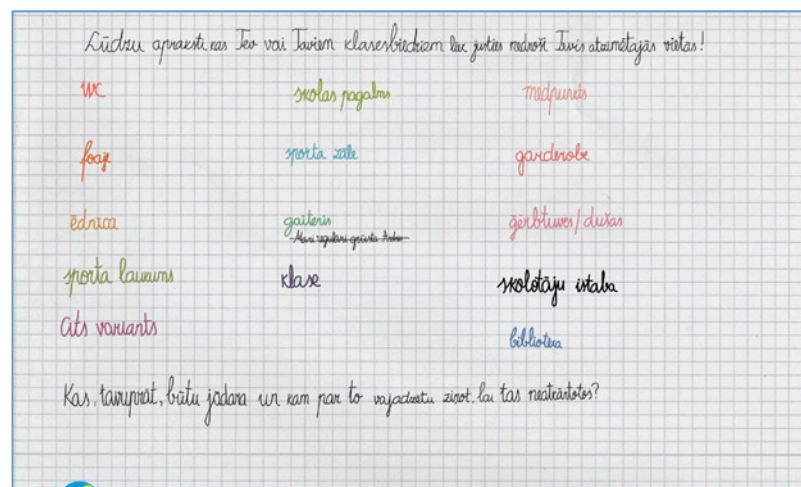
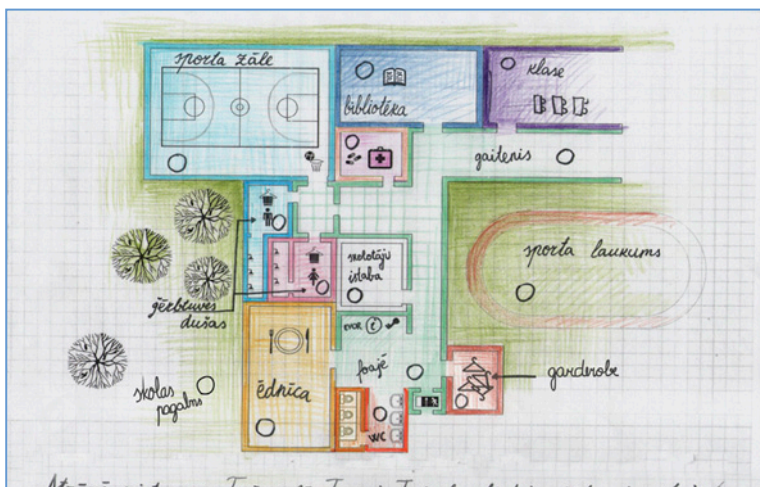


Brochure: Child sexual abuse – it should concern everyone!

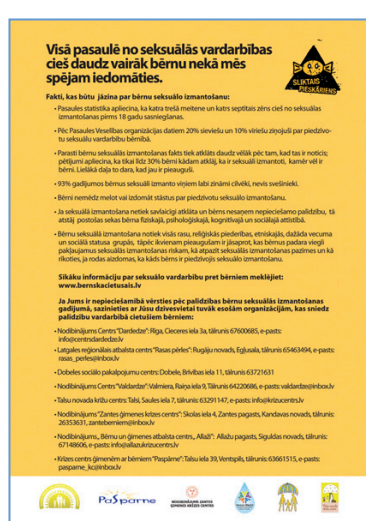




Publications for teachers and children in Džimba Safety program



Survey in schools "Courage to be friendly" questioners, leaflets



For campaign "Bad touch" posters and leaflets



# Funding for the operation of center Dardedze in 2011

<b>Grant (project) based funding:</b>	
<b>Funder</b>	<b>Funding LVL</b>
Carnegie Social Initiative Fund	19 104.32
Foundation Ziedot.lv	19 933.03
Fundacja Dzieci Niczyje (Childhood without abuse program funded by Oak Foundation)	13 716.13
Fundacja Dzieci Niczyje (EC Criminal Justice program)	18 629.30
Fundacja Dzieci Niczyje (EC Daphne program)	17 778.97
Oak Foundation	31 982.00
Radda Barnen Sweden	62 160.00
Societatea Romana Pentru Educatie Permanenta (EC Daphne program)	7924.09
Society Integration Foundation (Swiss – Latvian cooperation programme grant scheme 'NGO Fund')	60 469.42
State Agency of Youth International programmes (programme „Youth in action)	2490.74
Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands	11 782.44
Paramos vaikams centras (EC Home-Affairs program)	12 404.31
<b>Total:</b>	<b>278 374.75</b>
<b>Donations:</b>	
Baltijas Tranzita Serviss, Ltd	2 500.00
Lursoft,Ltd	300.00
Dardedze Holografija, Ltd	1 000.00
Private donations	1731.46
<b>Total:</b>	<b>5 531.46</b>
<b>Sotations for providing services to abused children and families:</b>	
Riga City Council	14 720.60
Others	14 009.69



# Special events for and with Dardedze in 2011

Year 2011 has been very busy with various project and program activities, discussions, seminars and other events inside and outside of Dardedze. We appreciated working together with experts and professionals from Latvia and abroad, as well as opportunities to participate in international conferences as it gives us time and new ideas in which areas we can develop our work and gives us insight in the most recent research, tendencies and approaches in working with children and families.

Some of the significant events and highlights of 2011 were:

- Participation in The 4th National Conference „Prevention of young child abuse” in Warsaw, Poland.
- Participation in The 12th ISPCAN European Regional Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect „Challenging Social Responsibilities for Child Abuse and Neglect” in Tampere, Finland.
- Participation in international conference „Child – victim of abuse: multidisciplinary attitude and international experience” in Vilnius, Lithuania.
- Participation in the 8th International Conference „Helping Children – Victims of Crime” in Warsaw, Poland.
- Established partnership network with new youth organizations in Latvia to multiply „Courage to be Friendly” program in other regions of Latvia.
- Training „Bullying and insulting treatment in schools” with International expert from Sweden Vivi Havia.
- Started Family Safety Morning series for families in Dzimba Safety program.
- International Supervision with expert from USA Mary Ring.
- Dardedze celebrated it's 10th year anniversary.
- Worked with international expert from UK Nigel King and international expert from the Netherlands Karina Dekens to improve the work with police in child friendly interviewing.
- Special project with Ogre municipality to train Dzimba Safety program agent in each of the schools and kindergartens of the municipality. First municipality in Latvia with a trained staff member in child safety and protection in every educational facility of the municipality of Ogre region.
- Dardedze organized an international workshop with Bengt Soderstrom from Sweden „Therapeutic tools and focus areas in treatment of sexually abused children and adolescents – Vasa Tool Box”.
- Now Dzimba Safety Lesson available for downloading online [www.dzimba.lv](http://www.dzimba.lv) giving the teachers opportunity to conduct the Safety lesson in their classrooms.
- Dardedze organized II Annual National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect „Child as a victim and Criminal Proceedings” in Riga, Latvia.



State Police, Chief of prevention department Edmunds Zivtiņš addressing conference participants of Dardedze annual conference



Workshop with Bengt Soderstrom from Sweden

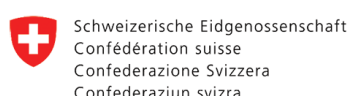
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