

Dardedze



2021

Annual Activity Report



Center Dardedze is a non-governmental non-profit organization that works to ensure that every childhood in Latvia is free from violence.

Vision

Every child in Latvia is loved, protected, respected and cared for, living in a safe environment free from any form of violence.

Mission

To prevent sexual abuse and exploitation of children and to provide assistance to children who have experienced any form of violence, and their families.

Special competencies

Center Dardedze is the only organization in Latvia that specializes in preventing sexual abuse and exploitation of children. We work in both areas- preventing children from suffering and helping children who have suffered from violence. We bring other institutions and organizations together in the best interests of children.

Prevention programs

- The Dzimba Safety program
- Guardian Angel
- Guidance to raising a teenager
- Pathways to competence
- Child Safe and Friendly Kindergarten

Through various prevention programs in 2021 Center Dardedze has reached **20'226 people:**

children	9'576
parents	7'255
professionals	3'395



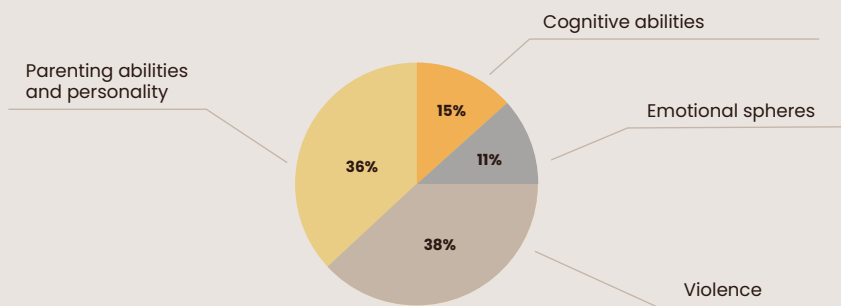
In the year 2021 the counseling department provided assistance to **238 clients.**

1899 consultations in the year 2021

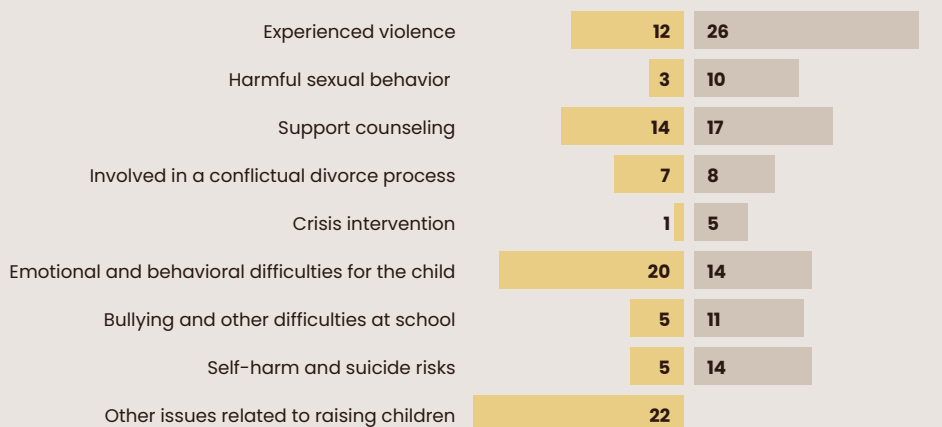
Psychological assessment **313**

Psychological counseling **1'586**

Psychological assessment in the year 2021



Psychological counseling topics in the year 2021



Number of clients: ■ parents ■ children



Important events in the year 2021

Year 2021 was an **anniversary year of Center Dardedze!** The organization founded on April 4th, 2001, from the very first day advocating for a childhood free from violence for every Latvian child, has already turned 20 years old. These years have changed us as an organization, and society's understanding of children's rights.

XII Annual "Center Dardedze" conference for the prevention of violence against children **"What can be measured, can be changed: the importance of data and cooperation in preventing violence against children"** brought together officials and professionals with the aim of promoting systematic improvements in the field of protection of children's rights. During the conference, we invited people to think about a unified data monitoring system and a clear algorithm of cooperation, how state institutions and organizations involved in the child protection system should regularly cooperate and make strategic decisions about the wellbeing of children.

We organized the **social campaign "Imagine yourself in the child's place!"**. It invited every parent to improve their skills in building respectful and safe relationships with their children. Society has been told a lot about how different types of violence harm children, but during this campaign we looked at this topic from the other side - what does safe relationship with a child mean and how to let the child experience it. During the campaign, data from a survey of parents on educating children in relation to avoiding sexual abuse, which was conducted by the research center SKDS in early 2021, was analyzed. It showed that in a situation where a child came to a parent and said that someone had hurt them, the parents' most frequent reaction would be to try to make sure that the abuse really happened (53% of the surveyed parents indicated this).

"Center Dardedze" with partners from Belgium, Hungary and Italy started working on **international collaboration project "ECLIPS - Promoting professional competence in preventing violence by introducing and implementing guidelines and a training program for preschool education workers"** co-financed within the framework of the European Union's "Rights, Equality and Citizenship" program. The aim of the project is to raise the awareness of childcare specialists and strengthen their abilities in recognizing the violence experienced by children early on, attracting support and providing care based on the understanding of trauma.

Besides our work in **psychological counseling and training**, "Center Dardedze" actively engaged in the field of **advocacy**, following changes in Latvian legislation and with its experience and knowledge advocating a systematic approach to the prevention of violence against children. As our priorities in 2021, we set 1) contributing to development of guidelines for children and family policy for 2021-2027, 2) working on improving the Law on the Protection of Children's Rights, 3) clarifying the terminology of forms of violence against children and support services, as well as 4) analyzing the educational requirements and content of training programs for preschool teachers to prevent violence against children.



Revenue in the year 2021

Projects and grants

Oak Foundation	180'974
SIF NGO Fund	18'306
EU Program on Law, Equality and Citizenship project ECLIPS	9'400
SIF co-financing ECLIPS project	3'058
Active Citizens Fund	6'559
Education, Culture, and Sports Dep. of Riga City Council	3'364
Nordic Council of Ministers' Grant Programme for Nordic-Baltic NGOs'	2'924
Swedbank	2'068
Other projects and grants	1'507

Revenue in EUR 228' 160

Revenue from services

Social training	193'536
Social counseling	60'559
Other services	8'900

Revenue in EUR 262' 995

Donations

Depo DIY SIA (material donations)	1'360
Bodybalt SIA	500
Rimi Latvija SIA (material donations)	199
Other general donations	11'719

Revenue in EUR 13'777

Total revenue in EUR 504'932



We care about both – on and offline **safety of children** in families at home, at school and in extracurricular activities, in childcare facilities, out of family placements and in society in general.

Our team consists of psychologists, social workers, lawyers, teachers and other professionals who believe that **violence against children is preventable!**



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