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Center for a safe childhood

Annual Activity Report

2024



Centrs Dardedze

"Centrs Dardedze" is a non-governmental, non-profit organization that has been working since 2001 to ensure that every child in Latvia has a childhood free from violence.



We want to promote safe, respectful relationships, prevent violence and especially child sexual abuse in any environment – in the family, preschool, school, sports, in their neighborhood, in the internet and society as a whole. We educate, support and defend the best interests of children!

Vision

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

Goals

1 Prevention

To be a competence center in the prevention of sexual abuse and harmful sexual behavior, providing developmental, educational and preventive programs. To develop and implement training programs.

Preventive programs

- Jimba's Safety Program
- Guardian Angel
- Pathways to Competence
- Guide to Raising a Teenager
- Child-Safe and Friendly Kindergarten
- Protection of children's rights in sports
- Development and implementation of child sexual abuse prevention plans in municipalities

Mission

To prevent child sexual abuse and provide support to children who have experienced any form of violence, as well as to their families.

2 Consultations and Support

By cooperating with professionals and organizations from various sectors, to provide psychological support to children and their families in difficult situations. To provide rehabilitation services to children, especially victims of violence, and their family members.

3 Advocacy

To actively advocate for an effective child protection system at the state and local government levels, promoting systemic changes and coordinated action by various sectors in the prevention of child sexual abuse.

The map shows how many educational institutions in each municipality implemented the Jimba Safety Program in 2024.

By organizing various other trainings, discussions and conferences online and in person, **7'351 adults** were preventively reached, including

- 7,127 professionals were reached through trainings and lectures in various formats.
- 310 parents were addressed in support groups and informative lectures.

An integral part of our work is psychological support for children and families. During the year, 1,592 consultations and examinations were provided to children and families, including:

- **86 parents**
- **147 children**

What else has been accomplished during the year?

Education

We actively raised the issue of preventing violence against children and sexual abuse in the media and communication platforms – television, radio, press and social media, and during the year the name of the organization was mentioned in them 124 times. In November, together with the Child Protection Center, we also worked on an educational campaign “Conversation Protects” to reduce the risks of child sexual exploitation.



Thinking about sports

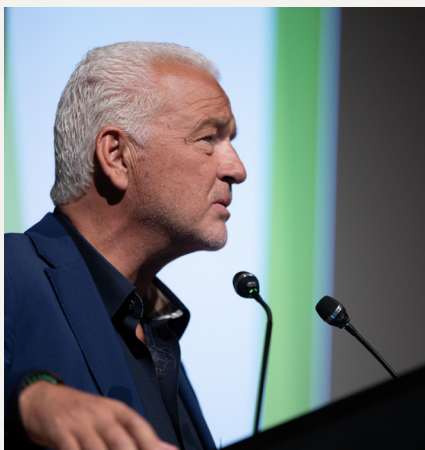
We started cooperation with several sports schools and sports organizations to reduce the risks of violence against children in sports and develop violence prevention plans. By organizing an international conference “Playing by the Rules: Risks of Child Sexual Abuse in Sports and Their Prevention in Municipalities”, we raised the issue of child rights protection in sports among decision-makers, encouraging every institution or organization working with children to implement a clear procedure (children's rights protection protocol) with preventive, risk recognition and reporting activities.

Invitation to plan

We continued working with three Child safeguarding groups in municipalities (Cēsis, Smiltene and Madona) to develop and implement a child sexual abuse prevention plan in each municipality, which has been presented at two regional conferences.)

Responding wisely

A practical training program for the prevention of harmful sexual behavior (HSB) and the implementation of a Safety Plan was developed in one child care institution.



Conference keynote speaker Paul Stewart, UK

Creating a “Safe Space”

Creating a movement for adults who have been affected by sexual abuse in their childhood. During monthly meetings, we discuss the impact of trauma and other topics to truly hear the voices of survivors, allow them to feel the collective strength and put it to use in awareness raising, as well as in planning preventive activities.

Reaching out to the students

We have created a new course for future preschool teachers at the University of Latvia “A respectful approach to working with preschool children” to promote safe and respectful relationships in the preschool environment and strengthen the role of teachers in preventing violence.

Bringing together

To promote inter-agency cooperation in the prevention of child sexual abuse, Center Dardedze continues to bring together representatives and practitioners from the state administration, academia and the non-governmental sector, organizing an expert council meetings twice a year. We also participated in 38 multi-disciplinary meetings during the year, influencing at least 7 different regulatory acts and decisions in the field of child protection.

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Revenue in 2024

Projects and grants

OAK Foundation	146'880
SIF NVO fonds	23'956
Kids First fund(ASV)	5'062
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia	4'991
Empowering Children Foundation	4'176
British Embassy Riga	2'000
Other	11'544
Projects and Gants Total EUR	198'609

Revenue from provided services

Training and preventive programs (including provision of social services)	124'621
Counselling services (including provision of social services)	76'129
Revenue from other services related to the protection of children's rights	1'745
Revenue from provided services Total EUR	202'495

Donations

Rimi Latvia	5'436
Cerība Bērniem	2'600
Manilla	1'386
Realman	600
Hestia Hotel Group Latvia	590
Other general donations	6'241
Donations Total EUR	16'853

Monetary Award Granted by the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Latvia 10'000

Foundation revenue Total EUR 427'957

Revenue of social enterprise Centrs Dardedze Ltd

Implementation of Jimba Safety Program 188'668

Foundation and Social Enterprise Total Revenue EUR 616'625