SJAF St Jeanne Antide Foundation

Breaking the Cycle of Violence

SOAR

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- COMMUNITY-BASED SOCIAL WORK SERVICE
- SOAR SERVICE
- LWIEN SERVICE
- EMOTIONAL FREEDOM SERVICE
- IVY - INTERRUPTING VIOLENCE TOWARDS YOUTH
- VOLUNTEERING PROGRAMME

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The St. Jeanne Antide Foundation, established in 2007, is a non-profit organisation offering professional support to families and individuals at risk of poverty and social exclusion.

It serves as the social care branch of the Sisters of Charity of St. Jeanne Antide Thouret in Malta.

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SOAR, established in 2012, is a survivor-led service where professionally trained survivors offer peer mentoring and ongoing support to other women survivors of domestic violence and their children.

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SOAR SERVICE STATISTICS 2023

175 WOMEN WITH 160 CHILDREN ACCESSED THE SOAR SERVICE IN 2023

1650 Hours in one-to-one support sessions for female survivors of domestic violence	**1390** Hours in peer mentoring sessions provided by trained survivors to survivors
18 New women accessed the service in 2023	**14** Women no longer needing the support of the soar service
40 Fellowship activities (online & in person)	**6** Hours triple r training in 2023

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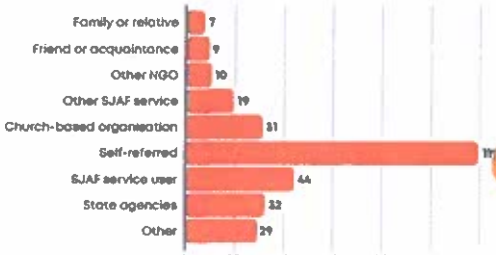
Source of Referrals



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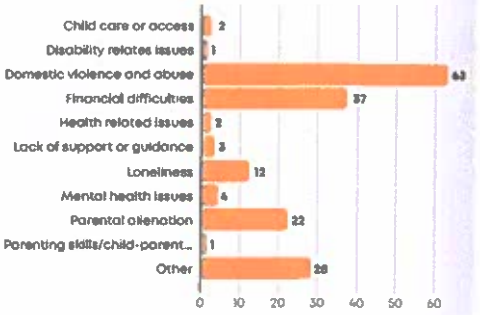

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THE PROBLEM
Extended Financial Abuse

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THE PROBLEM

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

- Traumatic events in childhood, including witnessing domestic violence.
- Long-Term Impact: Increases risk of future victimisation or perpetration of violence.
- Critical Need: Early intervention to heal trauma and break the cycle of abuse.

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SOAR SERVICE - MEMBERS' REALITIES

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Traumatic events that can have negative, lasting effect on health and wellbeing

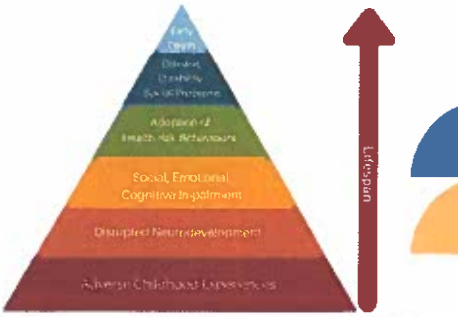
Abuse
- Emotional abuse
- Physical abuse
- Sexual abuse

Household Challenges
- Domestic violence
- Substance abuse
- Mental illness
- Parental separation / divorce
- Incarcerated parent

Neglect
- Emotional neglect
- Physical neglect

4 or more ACEs

- 3x the levels of lung disease and adult smoking
- 11x the level of intravenous drug abuse
- 14x the number of suicide attempts
- 4x as likely to have begun intercourse by age 16
- 4.5x more likely to develop depression
- 2x the level of liver disease



Data Collected from the 70/30 campaign held in the United Kingdom with the aim to tackle ACEs by 2030

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Childhood Abuse in Malta: Current Situation

(Sammut Scerri et al., 2022)

52% of respondents witnessed domestic violence during childhood.
54.3% witnessed family violence.
61.4% experienced child maltreatment.
75.3% faced victimisation by peers or siblings.
43% experienced sexual victimisation during childhood.
89.6% experienced at least one form of abuse (polyvictimisation).

These findings highlight the high prevalence of abuse and violence among children, emphasizing the urgent need for enhanced intervention efforts.

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TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE

Holistic, multi-agency, non-stigmatising, information sharing among all professionals

All children need to develop :

RESILIENCE
tools to respond to the challenges of life

EMPATHY
ability to understand & share the feelings of others

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Your Support is Crucial

Help us provide these essential services to break the cycle of abuse and give children a chance for a better future.

> **An ounce of PREVENTION is worth a pound of cure**
>
> Benjamin Franklin

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