



Santa Casa da Misericórdia de Santarém

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Santa Casa da Misericórdia de Santarém: since 1500 supporting our community.

- Non-governmental organisation established in 1500.
- About 15 different health and social care services
 - children and youth
 - elderly people
 - long term care
 - community services (families, homeless, immigrants, drug users).
- Almost 250 employees and tens of volunteers positively contribute to the accomplishment of the organisation's mission!



Santa Casa da Misericórdia de Santarém: tackling Early School Leaving.

- During the latest years, the majority of European countries has decreased the rate of Early School Leaving.
- In 2013, Portugal had decreased its rate from more than 30% (in 2009) to less than 20%.
 - Expected European average by 2020: 10%.

**Greater investment concerning politics, measures and resources; but
there are still numbers to be considered and people to be supported!**



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- Early School Leaving usually results from a mix of individual, educational and socio-economic factors.
- However, it is acknowledged that children from low education and socially disadvantaged backgrounds are more likely to leave the education system early.

This is one of the main reasons why non-governmental organisations are being engaged in local/territorial strategies related to this subject.



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- The county of Santarém is not an exception to this overall tendency.
- Data released by the local authority point out:
 - within families being supported, prevent early school leaving and/or promote the return to the educational system are major subjects of the help provided.

Early School Leaving is frequently a result of lack of interest in school, non-valorization of education pathways and/or the lack of alternatives to mainstream education or other types of training responses.



Santa Casa da Misericórdia de Santarém: tackling Early School Leaving.

- We are represented at all local partnerships created for collaborative decision-making of policies and strategies related to children in need, youth and family support.
- We have significant experience in tackling poverty and social exclusion within the community.

Perceived by stakeholders as having the knowledge, skills and strategic position to tackle many socio-economic issues such as those directly or indirectly linked to Early School Leaving.



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- Four main contexts that highlight the organisational role (and relevance) within the community:
 - a **partnership program** (Local Contract for Social Development)
 - the **temporary accommodation** for children in need and **residence for children and young people** under residential and/or adoption orders (*CAT 1º Passo* and *Lar dos Rapazes*)
 - a **project for prevention of addictive behaviours and substance abuse**
 - the **Nursery and Kindergarten** *Os Amiguinhos*.



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- **Principles of intervention and pedagogic models** consider:
 - preventive intervention in regards to Early School Leaving.
 - individual support, considering the child life project (individual care plan).
 - group activities and peer learning.
 - positive reinforcement of success and individual achievements.
 - nourish self-worth, motivation and self-confidence.
 - skills development (mainly soft skills).



THANK YOU! 😊

