

# JUVENILE JUSTICE IN ROMANIA. FROM BEST PRACTICES TO INSTITUTIONS AND PROCEDURES

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*From an institutional perspective, juvenile justice in Romania is rather a theoretical concept, discussed and reviewed periodically, at national or international conferences.*

*In terms of practice, there is undeniable progress on addressing children in conflict with the law, especially at a time when they are in rehabilitation centers. At least in the execution of imprisonment sanctions, the practice ahead the law.*

*But juvenile justice does not mean only sanctioning. On the contrary, it means avoiding, as far as practicable, the involvement of the formal judicial system and the purely punitive reactions, constructive solutions in community and social reintegration.*

*Analysis of juvenile justice in Romania reveals a number of weak points and the premises created by the new criminal legislation, basis for a coherent juvenile justice system which includes institutions and procedures.*

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