

CHILD CENTRED APPROACH DEVELOPED FOR THE PROMOTION OF CHILDREN'S WELL BEING IN ROMANIA - THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LAW 272/2004 -

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As a candidate country for accession to the European Union, European Commission is closely monitoring the respect of Childs rights in Romania. The European Union acknowledged that significant reforms had taken place since 2000 on Human Rights and the Rights of the child but also urged continued progress on child protection. The National Authority for the Protection of Childs Rights (NAPCR) is currently engaged in implementing the New Legislation (Law no.272/2004) regarding the protection and promotion of the rights of the child. In this respect, NAPCR is carrying on the Educational Campaign on Child's Rights, component of the 2002 PHARE programme. In this article we will focus on the progress Romania has made to fulfil its obligations towards the children in Romania.

Introduction

In this article we will focus on the subject of the 'United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child' and the progress Romania has made to fulfil its obligations towards the children in Romania. This would prove to be valuable, since the social workers have a crucial role to play in protecting and promoting the Rights of the children.

The time is particularly right, because the social workers from all over the country, working at the county and local levels are currently working towards making progress in the work of Childs rights. It is hoped that the this article will be of interest and will provide thought for debate and suggest future development in qualification and training of social in this area of work.

We address here to all social work staff involved in working with all aspects of child or children and their families in any setting or environment. It is to serve as a refresher or a reminder of the responsibilities that social workers have towards promoting, maintaining and ensuring every individual child's rights and supporting their parents in order for them to fulfil their obligations to care for their children. Social workers will be able to achieve this objective by assuming the role as advocates for the child and working in close collaboration and partnership with other agencies.