

Introduction

Child protection implies the responsibility of the whole society towards its normal development from a physical, mental, and moral point of view in the dynamic process of its evolution towards maturity, towards adulthood. This is achieved through specialized state institutions and with the participation of civil society, through organizations such as NGOs.

Child protection is based on compliance with the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, the Rights of the Child, the Romanian Constitution, the specific legislation in the field, the guarantee of the creation of the conditions for the growth, development, and education of the child. The legislative framework for child protection derives from the International Convention on the Rights of the Child, to which the Romanian State has acceded, the provisions of the principles enshrined in the Romanian Constitution and is ensured mainly by Law no. 272 of June 21, 2004, on the protection and promotion of children's rights.

The general child protection system envisages ensuring the well-being of the child as a sum of living conditions, guaranteeing a normal family life, access to education, health care, capitalizing on the child's abilities to live an independent life in adult society. This happens through respect and promotion of its interests, dignity, and rights through appropriate legislation and administrative action.

The social protection of the child considers the intervention in difficult situations that can occur in the child's life due to some situations of disturbance of the family functions (biological-sanitary, economic-financial, pedagogical-educational, moral, relations regarding solidarity family members and concerning the social environment), dysfunctions that the family can no longer solve through the due rights deriving from the social protection legislation or through its means and efforts. The social protection measures intervene by the social assistance services in a specific, individualized way, from case to case for the restoration of a normal situation, the resumption of a dignified living condition.