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**Alternative la închisoarea pentru minorii  
delincvenți  
Alternative to prison to for the delinquent  
children**

**Abstract:**

This work paper analyses the Romanian system of rehabilitation and treatment for delinquent children and youngsters. Another point of discussion is the legislative framework and the changes brought in the system by the reform process of Romania and by the process of European integration. Next to the legislative and institutional changes are analysed the programmes and methods that we should find in the specialized centers for children and also in the probation system. The attention is focused on the work of probation officer and on the role of social worker in dealing with their clients.