



**Implementation of the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2012-2015) "Growing with Children's Rights"  
Good Practices and Initiatives**

**Guide to Good Practice in the Field of Independent Living Skills of Abandoned Children and Young People**

*Saint Stelian Association, Romania*

**Country(ies):** Romania

**Title of practice:** The title of the initiative is "Guide to good practice in the field of independent living skills of abandoned children and young people", and it is being conducted by Saint Stelian Association in partnership with the General Directorate of Social Assistance and Child Protection Giurgiu.

**Main scope/theme:** Children in vulnerable situations, children in alternative care

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**Brief description:** The main objective is to create, develop and implement a set of measures and procedures designed to lead to the formation, development and improvement of independent life skills of children and young people in our DGASPC.

**Timeframe:** This initiative began in 2009 and lasted until 2010.

**Type of activities:** To ensure visibility of the project, audio-visual campaigns (radio and TV) were conducted. In order to develop practical skills and competencies, workshops with beneficiaries were organised as well. For the training of the instructors, educational courses were held in the town of Greaca, Giurgiu County.

**Results and outputs:** As a result of this project, a good practices manual was compiled and published.

**Target group(s):** Children and adolescents

**Success factor(s):** The factors that led to the success of the initiative are: the efficient cooperation with stakeholders, involvement of specialists, and sufficient financial resources.

**Estimated budget and human resources:** The persons involved in this project were employees of the association, employees of the General Directorate of Social Assistance and Child Protection Giurgiu, and volunteers.