

Abstract (in English):

The diploma thesis examines the system of accompanying of foster families as a profession, which is done by the so called Key workers. The first part of the thesis focuses on foster care, its typology and the overview of foster care benefits. The accompanying system is presented in detail, including a legislative overview and the content of the foster care agreement. The theoretical part specifies the roles, prerequisites and working conditions of the Key workers and discusses the limits of this profession. The aim of the thesis is to find out how these workers evaluate the current system of accompaniment in selected organizations which are authorized to conclude foster care agreements in Prague and Central Bohemia. The empirical part includes research, analysis, and evaluation. Methodology of the research is qualitative and the data is collected by semi-structured interviews.