

ABSTRACT

The bachelor thesis under the name “Intimacy of people with disabilities in the context of sexual assistance” sets the goal of describing the life of people in a wheelchair especially in sexual intimacy and evaluating the applicability of the sexual assistance service and its perspective.

In the theoretical part the thesis deals with sexuality and intimate relationships of handicapped people and aims to overcome myths dominating this area. Sexuality of mentally disabled people and those born with a physical handicap is specified. The character of the sexual assistance as a service is described as well as its expansion in the Czech environment, its types and the work of sexual assistants. The difficult aspects of the service itself is dealt with. The institutions working in the field of informing about the issue are also described.

In the practical and research part the thesis presents biographies of two handicapped people diagnosed with cerebral palsy. The respondent’s view on the issue of sex and relationships of disabled people is based on the interview about his life story.

Concurrently, the thesis compares the points of view of the disabled person himself and his parents, relatives and friends.

The balance of these views is evaluated. Furthermore, observation findings of the support and relations the respondents have in between each other are presented and their influence on the realisation of their personal needs is evaluated.