

## **Abstract**

This bachelor thesis deals with the substituting of family care for children with Roma roots in the Czech Republic. The main focus is the specific support programs for families who adopted Roma children.

This thesis maps out existing support programs for the substitute families with Roma children. Three programs have been selected and described in detail, based on interviews with the ones who implement these programs. The description focuses mainly on the following aspects: The way in which Roma culture is explained to the substitute families, sources of information provided by the overseers of programs to the substitute families, and proportion of Roma and non-Roma workers involved in the preparation and implementation of these programs. The perspective of the support programs are supplemented by the reflection of these activities by the participants of the programs.

This thesis also includes information on the outlying framework of the given subjects, i.e. the system of substitute child care in the Czech Republic. This thesis also points out the over-represented number of Roma children in group facilities compared to the majority of the population and, at the same time, applicants of substitute family care are unwilling to accept Roma children. This description is enriched with information derived directly from real life experiences of the NRP experts and substitute parents of children with Romani roots, with whom interviews have also been conducted.

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