

Abstract:

This thesis deals with sexual abuse. The theoretical part defines sexual abuse first, describes forms, perpetrators and victims. The next step is description of sexual abuse as a traumatic event and traumatic process. Short-term and long-term consequences are discussed.

The empirical part deals with specific phenomena in adult's life with experience of sexual abuse. Grounded theory and case studies are used to find specific areas of interest in sexually abused persons. Results find several phenomena in adult's life of sexually abused persons.