

Abstract

This bachelor thesis deals with The Support of youth football at the amateur level in Prague. Youth football is run by sports non-profit organizations. The support of youth secures the availability of football for children and youth. The main aims of this thesis is to describe the support of youth football at the amateur level, to discover and understand the real problems that clubs face in running youth teams, and to compare the goals of organizations providing the support of youth football with the goals of clubs themselves. The first part is devoted to the theoretical framework. Theory of Street-level bureaucracy by Michael Lipsky predicts that mainly public service workers, the street-level bureaucrats, have a great influence on the performance of their profession, because they interact directly with citizens in the course of their jobs. Problem indicators and conflicts of goals are often in street-level bureaucrats work. The intention of this thesis is to find out if there are typical problematic indicators of activities of street-level bureaucrats in the Support of youth among public service workers of football clubs. The second intention associated with theory is to find out whether there is a conflict of goals between the clubs and youth football support organizations. To investigate problematics of youth football 11 semi-structured interviews were conducted. Five interviews were conducted with representatives of youth football support organizations. Six interviews with public service workers of selected football clubs were conducted to find out typical problematic indicators in the Support of youth in specific football clubs in Prague. The results of the research provide a detailed description of the support for youth clubs, youth club issues, and shortcomings in current support settings from the clubs' views. In addition, case study findings are compared to Lipsky's theory.