

Abstract (in English): The aim of this thesis is to find out how shared custody influences lives of children. The theoretical part is divided into six chapters. In the first one, I focus on the issues associated with divorce. The chapter starts with the history of divorce rates in our country including present day divorce rate statistics and the description of what divorce proceedings look like and their effect on the decision making of childcare after divorce. I also talk about how children handle divorce and how it reflects on their adult life. In this context I mention certain organizations and institutions where parents and children can seek help in the time around the divorce. In chapter four, I focus on the types of childcare after divorce and compare its advantages and disadvantages. After that I examine how the media, general public, and professionals view shared custody. The theoretical part ends with a chapter on specific situations in which court can decide for shared custody. That is followed by qualitative research on how shared custody is evaluated by professionals, such as teachers, carers, pedagogical assistants, social workers, workers of advisory centre and psychologists.