

Annotation

The bachelor's thesis deals with the decision-making of families caring for a family member in a senior age focused on the services provided. In my work, I have centred my attention to the problem of demographic aging and the problems of seniors, which are the most common today. Today's demographic trends raise the need to redefine old age and professional care for the elderly. I also analyzed the possibilities of professional help that a senior and his loved ones can use in difficult situations related to the old age. One of the goals of my work is to define demographic aging and estimate its growth in the future. I also analyzed the best forms of social care for the elderly and their possible pitfalls. I have been interested in current statistics on the demand for these services and the extent to which demand is being met. Above all, I have tried to find the best options for families who cannot take care of their senior relative effectively enough and options that would best suit seniors who refuse to move into a nursing home. Today, we can come across many forms of care for the elderly that would be worth mentioning. In my thesis, I have mentioned the most important and most effective ones.

Based on in-depth semi-structured interviews with family members caring for the elderly, the work shows the situation of these families, to which extent they families are informed about the types of social assistance and other care options, and why families have decided for the specific form of the care that the senior gets.

The main goal of this work is to understand the interviewees why they have chosen this care and reveal the possible gaps in available help and care.

Keywords

Aging, senior, elderly care, demographic trends, social care, professional help

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