

In my dissertation I deal with the issue of people, aged over sixty five, suffering from Alzheimer's Disease, the impact of this disease on a person with dementia and his/her family carers, including the role of respite care provided at home. The aim is to formulate, on the basis of the six case studies and their analyses, recommendations for the assistants of respite care provided at home. The recommendations concern the activation of the clients at their leisure time. This is the research subject. The first eight chapters consist of the theory needed for the research: dementia, Alzheimer's disease, its symptoms, diagnostics, therapy, gerontology, the priorities of the services provided to seniors, the activities and the aims of The Czech Alzheimer Society, including respite care, the feelings and the needs of people with Alzheimer's disease and their family carers, the specific features of activation and communication with people with Alzheimer's disease, the reasons for the choice of the research subject, method and tool and their description. The following chapters consist of the analyses of the six case studies, the particular recommendations and the proposals of the interconnection of respite care with special pedagogy. The case studies are enclosed to the dissertation.