

Abstract

The diploma thesis is dedicated to the adaptation processes of a preschool child with an autistic spectrum disorder on the preschool environment. The thesis is divided into a theoretical part and an empirical part. The main aim of the paper is to analyse the adaptation process on the preschool attendance established by § 16 paragraph 9 of the Education Act of the children affected by ASD with focus on the factors that support the adaptation on the organized form of the preschool education. Part of the aim is to suggest the key elements that should be included in the adaptation plan so it meets the needs of children affected by ASD in the preschool facility.

The research was conducted on six children whose legal representatives gave their agreement through an informed consent about processing of their personal data and the use of gathered information for the creation of the diploma thesis. In order to gather the required information, the method of direct observation by the researcher was used. In addition, the interviews with the legal representatives as well as the class teachers were conducted. Furthermore, the documents and data provided by the preschool were analyzed. By the use of coding method the key information were deciphered. The essential information were gathered from the legal representatives who composed the research sample along with the teacher who took care of the children.

The main outcome and result of the thesis is a proposal of the adaptation plan containing summary of all the elements that were gathered by the analysis from the previously introduced respondents. Some of the elements may seem obvious, however they are being frequently overlooked. The individual elements are being closely characterized in order to secure their simple application for beginner teachers or pedagogists who are in close contact with children affected by ASD without any previous experience.

Keywords

Children with Autism spectrum disorder, preschool age, kindergarten, adaptation, support, classes established pursuant to par. 16 article 9