

ABSTRACT

The aim of my bachelor thesis is to map how the child with autism spectrum disorder affects the life his parents and the perception of this issue by parents of the autistic children. The theoretical part is about autism spectrum disorders, their definition, etiology, development of professional perspective in this issue and how autism spectrum disorders affects the personality of the individual. Then it also briefly defines the family and family with a handicapped child, which is followed by a part about impact of autism spectrum disorders on family. Specifically the specific life situation of family, family resiliency and finally the sibling's issues. In the empirical part I submit the results of qualitative survey obtained through the interview. The research tries to look into issue of parents of children with autism spectrum disorder and attempts to discover the impact on parent's lives of autistic children.

KEYWORDS

Family, parenthood, autism spectrum disorders, family resiliency