

ABSTRACT

This bachelor thesis deals with the issue of housing for people with physical and multiple disabilities outside of institutional care. The thesis also deals with social services that people with disabilities often need in order to live outside of institutional facilities.

The theoretical part first defines disability with special attention to physical and multiple disability. The next chapter describes the legislation concerning people with disabilities. The following chapters focus on various living options outside of institutional care, particularly independent living, as well as social services, especially personal assistance. In the last chapter, attention is paid to Asistence o.p.s., the non-profit organization providing social services to people with physical and multiple disabilities in Prague. Three selected clients of Asistence o.p.s. participated in the research for this bachelor thesis.

The practical part focuses on the experiences with different types of housing of selected participants. It also examines what kinds of social services they use and how they generally evaluate their current life situation. For the research, a qualitative strategy was chosen, specifically the method of semi-structured interviews. The findings are then discussed in detail at the end of the thesis.

Living of people with disabilities outside of institutional care is a very up-to-date topic in the context of the efforts at deinstitutionalisation and real inclusion of people with disabilities in “ordinary” society, and it is therefore important to address it.

KEYWORDS

physical and multiple disability, housing, independent living, social services, personal assistance