

Abstract (in English):

The Master's thesis deals with the influence of dysfunctional families on the emergence of pathological behaviour in children and youth. The aim of this paper is to assess whether children's out-of-norm behaviour is the result of growing up in a family that fails to fulfil all its functions. At the same time, it seeks to highlight the family environment that can be threatening to the child and the various authorities and institutions that can work to change the situation of individuals who behave pathologically.

The theoretical part defines basic concepts such as family, dysfunctional family, pathological behaviour, delinquency and factors influencing their emergence. It also contains various divisions and typologies that further specify and illustrate the subject. Specific examples of the pathology that occurs in groups of children and young people can be found here. Theoretical knowledge is expanded by various studies and research carried out both in the Czech Republic and abroad in recent years.

The practical part is based on qualitative research. The sample consists of eight respondents from among children and young people who are or have been under the authority of a child protection agency. The reason for their inclusion is a long-standing problematic behaviour that the family has not been able to resolve without the intervention of the relevant institution. The necessary data is obtained through document analysis. Specifically, these include Long Assessments of the child's situation, from which case reports describing the child's situation, history and family were created. The resulting information is used to answer the research question, including any related sub-questions.

The paper concludes with a discussion. The results of the qualitative research are interpreted here together with the researched situation in the Czech Republic and abroad, which is the subject of the last chapter in the theoretical part.