In the theoretical part of my Bachelor’s Degree thesis “The Experience with Drugs of Underage Mothers Placed in Institutional Care” I focus on issues connected with this topic. I address the issue of drug addiction as a problem of both the individual and that of society; forms and types of drug addiction and factors influencing the origin of such addiction.

Among other issues I deal with is the adolescence period from the point of view of the way in which psychosocial relations are managed. I mention Erikson’s theory of psychosocial development and psychosocial conflicts of this period too.

In the next part I focus on institutional care of underage mothers and their stay in institutions. Related to this issue there is pregnancy and motherhood of underage girls and accompanying challenges not only for them but for the whole family too. I also mention possible risks and health hazards and causes and consequences of early motherhood.

In the conclusion of the theoretical section I focus on drug addiction in relation to underage mothers and the impact of drugs on pregnancy and development of the embryo including the withdrawal symptoms of newborn babies.

The main aim of the empirical part of my thesis is to explore, on the basis of interviews with pregnant underage girls addicted to drugs and underage mothers placed in institutional care, the ways they perceive their situations in life. I also focus on the causes of their placement in institutional care and on the family burden on the individual girls.