

The thesis is focused on current state of hippotherapy in the Czech Republic, which is also based on analysis of current situation of hippotherapy centers in the Central Bohemia and Prague. Text of the thesis is divided into the two parts.

The theoretical part of this thesis includes basic information about hippotherapy and outlines its current status in Czech Republic. It also includes a brief overview of its current use and structure in other European country and the United States.

Practical section analyses the current state of hippotherapy centers in Central Bohemian and Prague. This analysis is based on the results from qualitative and quantitative research. The qualitative research was completed through the use of individual interviews conducted with hippotherapy providers. Quantitative research was accomplished using a technique of questionnaire, which were given to the clients of hippotherapy centers. Results of this analysis expose how difficulties and complications of the current structure and existence of these hippotherapy centers. Also in interest is the comparison of qualitative and quantitative research, because the results of quantitative research controvert the common opinion of providers of hippotherapy.

The information realized from both forms of research served as the basis for the changes proposition. These possible suggestions should help in amelioration of state of hippotherapy in Czech Republic, including the financial status of hippotherapy centers.