

The Diploma thesis "Transition programme in agencies of supported employment for people with mental disabilities" explores the topic of the employment of people with mental disabilities in the open labour market. The theoretical section of this paper aims to clarify the concept of supported employment and to describe its process. On top of that, it deals with the issue of mental disability, in terms of classification, etiology and developmental psychology of the target group of the transition programme. This section also focuses on how the transition programme works, including such matters as education of people with disabilities, as an integral part of preparation for their future occupation.

The research section examines how the successful completion of the transition programme impacts the clients, in particular their subsequent work-life, relation with the Agency and additional changes in their lifestyle. The research method was a semi-structured interview with people with mental disabilities and with workers of the agency of supported employment.