

Dissertation "Socio-educational assistance to parents of infant patients" maps and describes the specific needs and problems of parents of children that arise in connection with hospitalization of children and care for them. The work is theoretical in nature and is supplemented by empirical probe mapping experiences of parents of children hospitalized with the provision of care and assistance. The target of the core, analytical and descriptive part of this dissertation is to map the situation of families with seriously ill children, to name the primary problems of the current system of providing care and to highlight the possibilities for their solution. Definition of specific problems faced by parents looking after infant patients is based on empirical investigation of cases and narrative analysis of interviews with parents and is supported by conclusions of professional literary sources. The results of empirical investigation, including five case reports, are presented in the second part of this dissertation. The chapter on concrete possibilities to help parents and families of seriously ill and disabled children and also the chapter dealing with the specifics of the socio-educational action to help these families are trying to sum up the practical implications of this dissertation.