

The principle theme of my thesis is an attempt at answering the question: To what extent does the Institution for Adolescents at Hodkovičky, Prague, fulfil provisions of applicable legislation, and whether the institution contributes to the development of the personalities of clients.

From my previous experience as a night carer in this institution, I attempt to appraise the accomplishments and weaknesses of the institution, offering my opinions relating to potential changes in the area of effectiveness of work with clients.

This thesis consists of two parts - a theoretical part in which is, amongst other things, specified the function of the institution, the role of the carer and types of client personality. At the same time it acquaints the reader with the function of the family and inappropriate styles of up-bringing and education, personalities and the possibilities of their development. The second part of my work introduces sample research during which I attempt, on the basis of hypothesis, to verify the main four functions of the institution as prescribed by legislation.

Keywords (as described below) are those referred to in professional literature. Annexed to this work are attachments (questionnaires intended for use with clients for the purposes of sample research and the main principles of the institutions) and a bibliography of valid regulative standards. In accordance with professional ethics, I do not refer to the names and data of clients.