Summary

Social and legal questions of decision making about substitute for family care

The purpose of my thesis is to analyze social and legal questions of decision making about substitute for family care.

The thesis is composed of eight chapters, each dealing with different aspects of substitute for family care. Chapter One is introductory and defines basic terminology used in the thesis: the children’s right to be brought up by biological parents, the parental responsibility and the substitute for family care.

Chapter Two describes legal regulation of social work in the area of child care and the competence of appropriate public administration bodies.

Chapter Three concentrates on social work with biological family, especially prevention and counseling, because it should be the fundamental part of social work. Third part of this chapter deals with the right of search in the light of the right of privacy.

Chapter Four focuses on the procedure of taking children away from their biological parents and its main deficiencies in practice. It places an emphasis on the families in need because of poverty and housing shortage and one part is dedicated to the protection of children’s health.

Following two chapters concentrate on different forms of substitute child care – institutional care and its alternatives, ward, foster care and adoption. Each of them is briefly described in the separate part. One part is also dedicated to an up-to-date subject anonymous and hidden birth within the context of the right to know parentage which is included in the actual bill of civil code. Two parts of this chapter examine Czech legislation about the arrangement of foster care and adoption in the context of trading with children.