

As a subject matter of my dissertation I opted for „Education of foster parents by means of professional educational courses, seminars, programs etc.“ I believe that educational seminars and also programs developing foster parents personality, events enabling them to share their pleasures and worries with other foster parents or just relaxing events are not only enrichment to their lives but are also necessary and beneficial. Within the framework of my dissertation I worked with the offer of three private organizations operating in the region of the capital city of the Czech Republic – Prague: Středisko náhradní rodinné péče, sdružení Rozum a cit and Fond ohrožených dětí. I carried out a survey whether their offer of courses, seminars and programs is sufficient and satisfactory not only considering their extend but also regarding the satisfaction of all needs of foster parents. Moreover, I tried to investigate whether there is any interest on the side of foster parents. In order to find the answer I used the statistical figures provided by the organizations and the results of a questionnaire given to chosen foster parents. Although Czech law doesn't solve the question of foster parents' education in fields such as pedagogy, special pedagogy, psychology, pediatry etc. and this kind of education is totally of their own free will, organizations associating foster parents provide more than enough courses, seminars and programs and foster parents are very interested in them and attend them a lot. I believe that in the future the possibility of professional education will still be a great contribution for foster parents and I hope that there where is a demand will still be an offer.