

ABSTRACT

This thesis deals with informal (family) carers who provide for the care of an elderly person in their home environment. It focuses on selected moments of crises (motivation, accepting support, financing, impacts) based on the analysis of documents and the author's two-year working experience in this field. The objective of this thesis is to find out how the carers cope with such crises and what strategies they choose in their provision of care. The theoretical part of the thesis defines basic terms related to old age and their values, informal carers and related areas of care, including pre-defined crises. The research part is divided into methodology, in which part the author describes her methods of obtaining data through semi-structured interviews; and into the empiric part, which is based on the statements of the carers interviewed.

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