

The topic of my diploma thesis is the Syndrome CAN – psychological maltreatment. The issue of psychological maltreatment is a very difficult and complex, yet there are embarrassment in the theoretical background and its concept is relatively rambling in literature. Therefore I am dealing with the definition and classification of psychological maltreatment. At first, I am applying myself to the definitions and classifications by authors of foreign and Czech literature. Then I am focusing on the concept of psychological maltreatment perceived by teachers, social workers and psychologists. At the same time I am trying to reveal the teachers', social workers' and psychologists' experience in the psychological maltreatment and their attitude to its solution. Afterwards, I am comparing the concept of psychological maltreatment perceived by authors in the literature and concept of psychological maltreatment perceived by the questioned ones. Moreover, I am shortly analyzing a few case reports of psychological maltreatment which I was able to obtain from the authorized experts in the field of psychology. In those case reports, I am focusing only on the concept of psychological maltreatment in the expert opinions.

In order to find out how the teachers, social workers and psychologists understand and take their views towards the psychological maltreatment I used a questionnaire with the open questions. I presented the questionnaire to 34 teachers at elementary schools, 12 social workers and 9 psychologists. Furthermore, I was analyzing six case reports of psychological maltreatment.

The analysis of the literature has revealed that the topic processing by the authors of foreign literature is better quality and more extensive than topic processing by the authors of Czech literature. Differences are mainly in definitions focusing on current and potential harmfulness and defining the frequency of psychological maltreatment. Some of the categories and forms of psychological maltreatment are missing in the classification.

The data analysis has revealed that the highest experience in psychological maltreatment can be found among social workers. Teachers and psychologists are often confronted with psychological maltreatment. Definitions of psychologists are most similar to the definitions of professionals. In the definitions of social workers and teachers are missing some important aspects of psychological maltreatment. The results have shown that when dealing with the psychological maltreatment, most of the time the social workers are the ones who cooperate with the other specialists. The questioned ones are not aware of the classification of the psychological maltreatment. The teachers, social workers and psychologists indicate predominantly cases the psychological maltreatment that takes place in the family.

Authorizes experts in the field of psychology conceive psychological maltreatment best. They describe all aspects of the psychological maltreatment in each case and describe it better than the literature.