Abstract

The goal of this thesis is to describe the historical development of child care in the Czech Republic and in the world. It was never easy for children in the adult world. At the origination, the leader of the tribe decided about their lives. In the past murders of little girls were common, men could fight and protect the tribe or nation better. Boys were often killed by enemies so there was no descendant left. It was not until the acceptance of Christianity in 16th century that it had changed. It was still not a peaceful childhood, but there were no child murders. On the other hand, a lot of children ended up in monasteries without parents. Nowadays at least children in the developed world should have a real childhood. Unfortunately there is still a considerable amount of adverse cases.

Another goal was to familiarize the reader with CAN Syndrome. In 1962 the term “Beaten Child Syndrome” was used, later the name CAN Syndrome became common. This syndrome was first described in the USA, where they noticed children have injuries their parents cannot make clear. Categories included in CAN Syndrome were established by the Council of Europe in 1992.

One of the most important goals of the thesis was to focus on child neglect (its forms, conditions and signs of neglect).

In the research part I determined several hypothesis which I tried to prove using questionnaires. The results are processed into well-arranged graphs with a verbal evaluation for each one.

Afterwards I evaluated the set hypothesis, wrote down recommendations and described the preventive programme for families with pre-school aged children.

Key terms

Child Abuse and Neglect Syndrome
Child Care
Conditions and Symptoms of Neglect
Prevention and Educators’ Approach
Possibilities of Family Assistance