Abstract

This bachelor thesis investigates care of orphans and abandoned children paying particular attention to Prague institutes for those children. Firstly, this paper describes general development of care of orphans and abandoned children, system of organization of this type of care and some subjects working in the field of care of children. The children could be provided for either in foster families or in institutes. Part of this paper describes those two possibilities and period discussion about advantages and disadvantages of both possibilities. The key topic of the thesis is organization of social care of children in the Prague area and description of selected children’s homes and orphanages. The thesis also briefly describes everyday life in institutes: it characterizes inhabitants of institutes, relationship among personel and inmates and way of financing the institutes. Archive materials of particular children’s homes and also period specialized literature were the basic sources for the thesis.

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