

## **Abstract**

The thesis named „Opinions of opinions of contemporary mothers on the upbringing and education of children up to three years “ examines and describes the services of day care centres for children up to three years in the Czech Republic in context with the family policy of our country and the Barcelona aims. Contemporary education possibilities of children up to three years in the selected states of EU in connection with their respective family policy are outlined too. The thesis also includes a research investigation of problematic questions concerning the upbringing and education of children up to three years, whose aim was to determine the concrete opinions and attitudes of the examined group of 75 mothers with children up to three years towards the family and non-family care in the region of Mladá Boleslav and its surroundings. It also examines which options of the children early care are used by mothers most often and what are the reasons behind. In the practical part of the thesis the general awareness of mothers about the options of the day care for children up to three years, including the personal attitude towards the nursery, was established.

The harmonization of working and family roles represents an intensively discussed issue not only in our country, but in the whole European scale. Besides a growing birth rate and a high share of employed women, the key role also plays a common adjustment of Czech families to a double income, which in turn is more frequently connected with the lack of appropriate institutional care for children up to three years.

The survey detected the existing unbalance between the supply and demand concerning the day care facilities for children up to three years in the given region, and also the difference as for the interest of their services between the mothers regarding their education level. Mothers with academic education or higher professional training prefer the institutional care for children up to three years. Mothers do trust to state institutions the most. Mothers prefer low numbers of children in groups and request an educated pedagogic and medical personal.