

## **Abstract**

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The title of this work is "Psychological Aspects of Father-Daughter Relationship". In its theoretical part it summarizes mainly Czech, but also some foreign, contributions related to the topic of fatherhood, the specifics of paternal behavior and the importance of a functional father for the psychological development of girls. The issue is also viewed from the perspective of possible negative impacts on the psychological development of women who grew up without their fathers. The analysis is primarily focused on their problems with self-esteem, self-confidence and self-image, identity, emotions and emotional life but also on difficulties in future partner and intimate relationships.

The theoretical part, with regard to the research, also discusses the concept of risk and protective factors. It respects the current trend of leaving aside pathogenic and shifting towards salutogenic factors, so it focuses mainly on mapping the protective factors in the psychological development of girls who grew up without their fathers while not excluding the risk factors.

In the practical part, the topic is treated in qualitative way using retrospective method of biographical approach, in-depth interviews and the projective techniques "Book of Life", "Family Island Drawing" and "Life Line". The aim is to identify and analyze possible protective and risk factors in the psychological development of ten young women aged 20 to 30, who form the study sample.

### **Key words:**

**Fatherhood, Father-Daughter Relationship, daughters in exclusive custody of their mothers, protective and pathological factors**