

## **Abstract**

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The aim of my diploma thesis was to map the main cause which take part in premature end of foster care in our country. I have recorded this problematic since the year 1996 up to now.

I have focused on definition and forms of foster care. Further on the process of its arrangement and the starting conditions which have an influence on foster care. I have introduced and compared the results of two big Czech studies which were devoted in this topic and were published in the interval of 15 years. Besides the failure cause of foster care on the foster parents side and children entrusted into a foster care and the system of alternative family care I have also focused on factors which contributes to its success on the other hand.

In the practical part I have tried to get more deeply into the cause of foster care failure from the view of social workers from OSPOD. I was interested in what and how influences the foster care failure, how the system components of alternative family care and which changes social workers see as needed in the support of foster care success. It has been shown that the causes of its failure still stay very similar, but they are influenced by other problems due to a social changes. Very significant has been the role of professional help refuse by foster parents, the small interest in fostering itself, the fully occupied social workers and their insufficient methodology leadership. Consequential has become the problematic of grandparents foster care and the contact of foster parents and a child with his biological family.

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