

**TITLE:**

The Psychological Aspects of the Life in a Shelter

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**ABSTRACT:**

The master thesis explores, by analytic way, the life of clients in shelter for families with children.

The thesis describes the specific shelter home in Prague – Horní Pocernice and observes its specifics in a context of other shelters. It maps the target group of users, who are mostly clients from Roma population.

The thesis aims at clients' motives to live in a shelter, their coping with shelter norms and their adjustment of shelter rules to clients' own needs. It notices individual behaviors in a community of clients, describing interactions with social workers and between each other. The specific chapter is devoted to children as the youngest users of a shelter, their coping with the environment and the possibilities shelter home offers to them. The last chapter implies a certain similarity in shelter clients thinking with thinking of people living in an oral culture.

The thesis disputes declared purpose of shelter home(s) as training of their own home living, since their repetitive “coming home” returns to shelter(s) witness another motives for shelter life as well.

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Shelter, Roma, social worker