

Summary

Víra a morální hodnoty sociálního pracovníka v pomáhajících profesích
Faith and moral values of social workers in the helping professions

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This bachelor's thesis focuses on the role of faith and values in social work, highlights areas where religion and spirituality are already firmly in place and also reveals the dark side of religiosity and crisis situations arising through involvement of one's worldview into the relationship between social worker – whatever party worker or client is believer. The paper endeavors to answer the question whether and, if so, to what extent can social worker affect the service to his religious beliefs.

Pitfall of religiosity in social work lies in the fact that the social worker can access to his task as a religious mission, more or less consciously can put pressure on the client (or colleagues) to accept his understanding of the world, to profess the same values and even in the same manner. The social worker has considerable power over the client, legitimate one, arising from his position, expert power and especially power resulting from source control. In order to set limits to the social workers power in favor of clients, codes of ethics have been created, such as the Code of Ethics of Social Workers of the Czech Republic. These define, inter alia, the need for equal treatment and prevention of discrimination on religious grounds and emphasize the dignity of man, regardless of his health. The dignity will also include freedom of religion and religious expression. Over all tolerance and permissiveness of today, however, there may be situations where the social worker by law has obligation to report. This may happen when the client self, his family or other people are threatened by religious manifestations of the client.