

## **Abstract:**

The subject of this master thesis is to analyze the current state of the mid-term planning of social services at regional level. This master thesis also describes the historical context of community planning, social services and their financing system.

In this thesis there are applied methods as problem and objectives tree and multi-criteria evaluation of mid-term plans of social services development at the regional level, analysis and study of current legal standards related to this issue and questionnaire survey with representatives of the regions and the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs.

This thesis deals with the mid-term planning of social services in relation to the present legal anchor in Czech legislation. Mid-term planning of social services is based on the principle of subsidiarity. The whole process should be as open to the public and especially other immediate stakeholders as to providers or users of social services. The planning process is not entirely new tool for decision-making and the development of strategies. It appears there are many activities and areas that are not well interconnected. For example, the process of financing social services, which is conducted partly at the regional and partly on the state level. Within the planning process there are also formalized elements that do not fully respect the intention of the legislature. The lowest level of a clearly identified local needs, which will be distinctly reflected in the strategic plan, together with the definition of claims on public resources. Research has demonstrated that the level, content, formal demands of mid-term plans at the regional level are various and very different. It can also be noted that the current Czech legislation needs changes, which sets clear competences between the different levels of government and public administration, modifies clear rules for drawing up the plans and the subsequent creation of the network of social services, including connection between strategic planning and the area of financing of social services.