

Abstract

This work focuses on family relationships of people, who went through a psychotic episode. The main question is: How the relationships with relatives help to cope with life with mental disease, not only psychotic episode itself, but especially the period after fading the symptoms away? It is looking for an answer in the interviews with people with mental disease, focusing on their relationships before and after breaking out of the illness.

It came out the relationships in the primary family are helpful in this new life situation of the respondents, not the partner relationships, as was expected.

The first analysis focused on the main developmental phases in lives of the respondents. It was followed by the analysis of interpersonal relationships. Finally, based on the studied literature, there were established the categories of possible reactions of family members to the respondents' disease. These categories were looked for in the interviews.