

Abstract

The aim of this Bachelor thesis was to find out how social workers work with children who had experienced a physical abuse and which strategies and methods they use during their work. Also, I wanted to discover all the involved subjects (organizations and other professionals) with whom the social workers cooperate in their job.

Bachelor thesis is composed of the theoretical and the practical part.

The beginning of my theoretical part is focused on issues regarding child physical abuse, historical aspects and also briefly the legislation of child rights protection. The other part concerns the risk factors of abusers and common features of families in which the abuse occurs. The last point of the theoretical part is to provide information about organisations and institutions in Prague which work with abused children and with other family members. The main sources were books, seminars, workshops and brochures I gained during my internship.

The practical part is composed of two main subparts. Firstly, it is about the case studies of children who had experienced a physical abuse. The related materials were gained during my practice. The second subpart contains the summary of information acquired from selected workers, mainly about therapeutic work with abused children. I have chosen an interview as a methodological method to find out the information. Qualitative research is processed in practical part.

The main result of this research was the ascertainment that it is important to cooperate not only with the child, but also with his whole family. Also, the necessary element is the cooperation among social workers, police forces, psychologists, doctors and other professionals who work with the child.