

Annotation

The diploma thesis “*Analysis of the current system solutions for domestic violence in the Czech Republic, focusing on the care of children as witnesses*” investigates the system of dealing with cases of domestic violence where children are witnesses of such violence. The paper maps processes and work methods with individual family members who are affected by domestic violence, further evaluates the adequacy and effectiveness of these procedures and also the impact of these procedures on individual family members. Individual actors who may have influence on the issue, their relations, cooperation possibilities and their potential in shaping the policy were also examined and evaluated. At last but not least, the thesis investigates communication channels that are available to the involved actors and their effectiveness.

The presented thesis is mainly based on studies of available and relevant sources, on information from interviews with personnel of the social and legal children protection institutions and on answers provided by staff of the social and legal children protection organs in the survey.

The state pays considerable attention to domestic violence, despite its latency and private character. The origin of the National Action Plan for Prevention of Domestic Violence for 2011-2014 proves its active approach. Similar considerable attention is given to vulnerable children¹, and precisely these children who witness domestic violence are considered vulnerable. Given that the organs of the social and legal children protection are the direct executor of the children protection, I consider them a suitable source of information about the current system solutions for domestic violence cases, focusing on the care of children as witnesses. Information provided by the personnel of the social and legal children protection institutions is considered valid for monitoring and defining the most critical areas of this system.

Identified outcomes of the thesis may become the basis for further research focusing on children’s testimonies of domestic violence and their anchoring in policies related to this area.

¹ This is evidenced, amongst others, by the adoption of the National Strategy for Children’s Rights Protection by resolution No. 4 of 4th January 2012.