

Summary

Master's thesis called *Spiritual needs in people with cerebral palsy and their saturation in social care* focuses on expressing spirituality in people with cerebral palsy (CP) and studies what the spiritual needs may be and if personal care assistants (PCAs) can help to fulfil clients' spiritual needs.

The theoretical part shows the issues of CP and the view to people with this disability, with the emphasis to the options of their participation for life in society. It deals with the topic of spirituality and spiritual dimension as one of many dimensions of human personality. After presenting several important theories of needs it continues with the role of PCAs and their role in fulfilling the clients' spiritual needs.

The practical part proceeds from the combination of quantitative and qualitative research; from a questionnaire inquiring the expressiveness of the spirituality and its sharing with PCAs, and interviews seven people with CP inquiring their spiritual needs and possibilities of their fulfilling by PCAs.

The results show concrete and stronger spirituality expressing in people with CP than in major population and that the spiritual needs come out from their live situation. Besides spiritual needs and forces that allow them to fulfil their needs on their own. The PCAs are also a rich source of spiritual support that helps to accomplish the clients' spiritual needs.

Keywords

Cerebral palsy (CP) - Christian spirituality - secular spirituality - spiritual dimension - spiritual needs and their fulfilling - personal care assistants (PCAs) - client – assistant relation - spiritual forces and sources - meaningfulness