

Abstract

This thesis is discussing about function and issues of self-help organizations which are helping people with disabilities from different points of view. The number of disabled people living at home care is rapidly increasing in recent years. A disabled member in the household brings many difficulties. In order to overcome them many of these families associate together and establish self-help organizations. The author of this thesis legislatively and institutionally anchored this issue, inform about its development and its current functioning. The current system is not without problems and causes significant barriers in running of the organizations and everyday life of its members. By using semi-structured interviews with the stakeholders (founder, contact person, advisor, disabled member and coordinator of the self-help organization) the author is identifying problem areas which are subsequently interpreted individually for each person involved as well as for the whole group and describes the main problems mentioned by more than one party. The author is resolving problems with establishment of the self-help organization, financing, attitude of the interested institutions and health care.