Abstract

**Background:** This thesis is based on the increasing number of mothers (using addictive substances), which are appearing in social services, particularly in the Authority For Social And Legal Protection Of Children Specificity of mothers using addictive substances requires a special approach by addictology services. It begs a question, whether such specifics as to meet workers of ASPLC in cooperation with these mothers.

The **aim** of this thesis is to describe the specifics of the work ASPLC with these mothers. Other aims are to determine how the cooperation between the two sides takes place, whether and which problems can occure in cooperation with these mothers and describe the procedure for the removing of children of these mothers and the possible impact of abusing illegal substances on the need for the children removing.

**Methodology:** Respondents for the research were selected using the purposive sampling method. The research sample consisted 11 workers of ASPLC and three mothers using addictive substances). Data were obtained by using of a semi-structured interview. Data were prepared for the analysis by transcription and coding, for which I used elements of the cluster method.

**Results:** Research confirms the increasing number of mothers which use addictive substances authorities in the service of social and legal protection of children. It turns out, that a greater percentage are mothers using alkohol, whose child care is in comparing with mothers using addictive substances significantly worse. From the part of the mothers are workers often faced with endless promises, low motivation to work (treatment), and denying their substance use. Interest of the child in mothers is low, rarely encounter the opposite. The only reason of drug use does not affect the removal of their child, often it depends on other circumstances. Workers are trying to approach to mothers (using drug) as well as to mothers who are not drug users. Their attitude is reflected by their practices, maternal role and experience with these clients.

**Recommendation:** In the work with mothers using addictive substance is important the cooperation ASPLC workers with other experts in the field of addictology, preferably with addictologist.

**Key words**

Social - legal protection, gender differences, substance abuse, mother, child