

Abstract

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This work is devoted to problems of support systems of families with handicap children. The aim of this work is exploring the support systems of families with handicap children in the Czech Republic. (There is possibility to compare the region of Prague and Pardubice.) The theoretical part describes basic characterization of disability, it is intent on families who are take care of children with disability, it describes too social network and it also points out the common problems of the social care for individuals with handicap and possibilities of support groups. In order to achieve the aim of this work, it was necessary to obtain needful data. Therefore, a structured interview was used as one of the techniques of qualitative research. Among those who were interviewed were parents of handicap children. Because there are only twenty families in the research group of this diploma thesis it is not possible to generalize obtained information for all families with handicap children. It is necessary to take this fact into account and to apply all the conclusions only for the explored group which arised at a certain place and time. Based on the results of the research of this work can be concluded that 70 % are in families created a relatively favorable environment for the care of children with disabilities . However, there we can find the very low support from self-help groups . Only three families can be considered as members of self-help groups. Respondents talk about the lack of awareness of the social assistance system. Role of social workers is very low too. It can be concluded that as the most supportive element appears to be the primary network of assistance and support in the form of a nuclear family.

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