

Abstract

The bachelor thesis deals with low-threshold equipment for children and youth and its role in a small town. The first four chapters are purely theoretical and rather of general nature. In the first chapter I deal with its anchoring in the legislation that the service provides, the course of provision of services and the persons working in these facilities. In the second chapter, I focus on the target group for these devices, what are their main characteristics, the development and possible risk behavior they commit. In the third part I focus on the definition of a small town. Social structure of the population, education and alternative opportunities for children and youth. In the fourth chapter I am describing a particular facility that is aimed at the clientele of a typical small town. Archival writings, yearbooks and information provided by the facility's staff were used to describe the facility. The last part of the thesis is research. First, I have determined the research questions and the way I will verify them according to the theoretical knowledge from the relevant literature. The survey itself was first conducted by a questionnaire method, where the clients filled out the questionnaires with the participation of an adult. Respondents in the questionnaire survey were randomly selected regardless of age and gender. The only requirement was long-term attendance. The questionnaires were then processed, according to expert literature, into tables and graphs. I subsequently verified the results of the questionnaires with the staff. This is how I get different views from clients and workers on the issue. In general, however, my research questions have confirmed, and also that the facility in the city has an irreplaceable role.