

Abstract (in English):

The goal of this thesis is to evaluate readiness of youth living at least partially in institutional care for leaving the institution. Theoretical part of my work consists of four chapters. The second chapter describes reasons for institutionalization and not keeping them in families, which are important for human matureness.

The third chapter revolves around foster care and institutional care.

The biggest challenge for institutional care, psychic deprivation, is described in chapter four.

The fifth chapter describes laws about leaving institutional care.

The sixth and final chapter mentions additional educational possibilities for youth facilitated by NGOs.

The empirical part of the thesis is focused on specific orphanages in Central Bohemia region.

The summary is based on interviews with tutors and youth from the same orphanage preparing for independence.