

Abstrakt:

The MA thesis focuses on the psychological particularities of the situation in families where parental leave is taken by the father, especially on the possible connections between the child's development and characteristics of the family relations. The aim is to describe the specific impacts of this situation on partnership satisfaction, relationship with the child and on self-perception of paternal/maternal roles of parents.

The theoretical part states the legislation in this field in the Czech Republic and other countries and summarizes the existing research findings. The empirical part applies a qualitative design, using the Couples Satisfaction Index questionnaire supplemented by semi-structured interviews. The research sample consisted of fifteen couples.

The result of the research is a summary of findings about couple's satisfaction and recurring themes in interviews in areas of adaptation to life with the child, motivation for the decision, early paternal care, identity and experiencing of parents, the needs of the child, consequences of paternal parental leave for parent-child and partner relationships and reactions of other people.

The output of empirical part of the thesis are answers to research questions that broadly cover the psychological aspects of the problem and the hypotheses that may be the subject of further research.

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