## **Abstract**

The diploma thesis entitled "Applicants preparation for an adoption and foster care" consists of two parts, the first is a theoretical part and the second part is practical. The theoretical part contains of eleven chapters. Professional literature, articles, quire, webpages and more were used to develop the theoretical part. The theoretical part is focused on the concept of substitute family care, description of forms of substitute family care, description of the arranging process of substitute family care, preparation of applicants, topics of preparatory courses. The practical part contains of the results of quantitative research, which are shown using graphs. The graphs describe the detection of quantitative research using an anonymous open-ended questionnaire. The practical part of the diploma thesis answers the questions of what motivations applicants for substitute family care have, the questions of the process of substitute family care and, last but not least, the questions concerning the preparation of applicants. The discussion is a final chapter of this thesis.