

## **Abstract**

The main part of social work with people with mental illness in our country takes place mainly in case management teams of non-profit organizations. In recent years, the involvement of family members in the social care provided has become increasingly important. The main theme of the rigorous thesis is social work with a family of people with mental illness. The theoretical part of the work is an information framework focused on the family environment and psychological development of personality. It looks at the family's experience in the onset of a mental illness of its member and at the same time does not forget to mention research related to this topic. The theoretical explanation also includes an overview of social services and interventions that are used in working with people with mental illness and their family members.

The research qualitative part of the rigorous thesis is devoted to the phenomenological examination of the attitudes of eight social workers from four social rehabilitation teams who work with the families of people with serious mental illness. The empirical part brings a more comprehensive view of social workers on working with families, presents ongoing forms of cooperation, maps the factors that facilitate and complicate cooperation, looks at the benefits of working with families and provides a closer understanding of attitudes, motivations and needs of social workers.