

Summary

Diploma thesis “Institutional solution of the problem of unwanted children in Czech Republic” deals, as the name implies, with solving the problem of unwanted children. An “unwanted child” is a child that is undesired and unwanted within its family. A child can be “unwanted” since its conception, birth, or became unwanted later, during its life. Why is the child unwanted? There is no simple answer to this question, because it depends on each particular case. The reasons can be economical, social, biological, family and other.

This diploma thesis discusses the questions of unwanted children from legal point of view – how to adjust legal, and thus also social, position of unwanted children.

First chapters are focused on child itself, in the past and present, on setting of children rights in important documents, for example Declaration of Basic Rights of Czech Republic or Treaty of Children Rights. These chapters also explain the terms *Unwanted child*, *CAN Syndrome*, *Family* and related problems, for example mental defects and family defects. The following chapters describe individual solutions of unwanted children problems.

Chapter 3 deals with abortions, contains statistical data, history of legal regulations, current legal regulations, of either legal or illegal abortions, which are criminal. The crime Murder of an unborn child by its mother is the topic of the following chapter. This chapter contains statistics, selection of real new-born murders and legal regulations. The common thing in these chapters is the fact that the unwanted child doesn't survive. It either isn't born at all, or dies shortly after its birth.

Chapters 5 to 10 deal with the status of unwanted children that are born and dependant on the care of the state. *Baby-boxes*, the new and widely discussed solution, are the topic of chapter 5. Institutional education in infant institutes and children's homes is the topic of chapters 6 and 7. Institute of fosterage to a person who is not a parent is discussed in chapter 8. It's a kind of preliminary step to foster care.

The last two chapters contain regulation of foster care and adoption, which is the best solution for the child, as it lives in a substitute family.