

The purpose of the diploma thesis is the analysis of the drug addiction problems, specifically the educational-curative approaches to drug users with a focus on lowthreshold programs. The work is divided into two parts - theoretical basis and practical part.

The theoretical part includes four chapters. In the first chapter we can find the definition of the drug addiction concept according to the International Classification of Diseases (MKN-10) and Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM IV). The theoretical models of addiction and theoretical approaches used in assistance to drug users are described in this chapter as well. There is also focus on approaches used in psychotherapy of drug addictions. The second chapter gives an overview of the care system in the field of drug addictions in the Czech Republic. Chapter number three summarizes the drug situation in the Czech Republic in 2007. The fourth part is devoted to low-threshold programs and focusing on approaches and methods of work of these programs. The last chapter is based on the practical research. It is aimed at clientele of low-threshold programs o.s. Sananim (contact centre and street programs), who are the drug users. The purpose of the research is, based on the questionnaire survey, to monitor clientele of the programs. The result is a study of the contact centre clientele compared with the clientele of street programs.