This bachelor thesis focuses on children's institutional upbringing, in particular in children's homes and upbringing institutions, and considers it as a factor causing homelessness. In the thesis theoretical analyses by experts from the fields of sociology, social work, psychology and social pathology. Furthermore, author's own research carried out in an organization devoted to work with homeless people as well as researches and specialized examinations that have been already done in the Prague and Pilsen regions are used.