

Bachelor thesis: Work with Socially Vulnerable Family in the Czech Republic

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Abstract

This bachelor thesis deals with the work with socially vulnerable families in the Czech Republic. Experts agree that the system of care for vulnerable families in the Czech Republic is below the level of developed countries. The system is fragmented among several ministries, there is no uniform and enforceable standard of quality work with socially vulnerable families, there is no independent authority to oversee compliance with the Convention on the Rights of Child. Guarantor of help for socially vulnerable families is the state, but there is lack of social workers, who work intensively with the family. The result is the high number of children in institutional care. Experts prepare reform steps to streamline the system of care for socially vulnerable families in the Czech Republic - the numbers of children in institutional care should reduce by preventive programs and work with a family.

The public sector should cooperate with nongovernmental organizations in working with socially vulnerable families, and together strive for redevelopment of families, which tries to maintain or restore proper functioning of the family. Reform to streamline the system will take several years, but sectors already cooperate in some regions of the Czech Republic and together provide family redevelopment programs, which precede or reduce institutional care of the child. But even here the redevelopment of family is threatened by small number of state workers and unsystematic funding of nongovernmental organizations.