

Abstract

This diploma thesis Family environment and adolescent alcohol consumption deals with a relationship between four dimensions of family environment and alcohol consumption of sixteen years old adolescents. These four dimensions are leisure time, family structure, parenting style and socioeconomic status. In the theoretical part family influence on child's development is described and then socialization process through which family influence child's development is delimited. Further, the relationship between family environment and alcohol consumption is discussed and then four dimensions of family environment are characterized in context of alcohol consumption. Relationship between family environment and alcohol consumption was studied using mixed research design. In the main quantitative part of the thesis general relationships between chosen dimensions of family environment and alcohol consumption indicators were examined using data from European School Project on Alcohol and Other Drugs (ESPAD) from the year 2007. Then a typology of adolescent alcohol consumers was made. Results of this part continued in the qualitative part. There ten semistructured interviews were made to examine deeper connections and direction of relationships discovered in the quantitative data analysis. This part was primarily focused on parenting style and leisure time and whether these dimensions affect alcohol consumption or contrarily they are affected by drinking of adolescents.