

**ABSTRACT:**

The bachelor thesis focuses on substitute family care in the Czech Republic and its importance for the child. The theoretical part defines the basic terms, describes history and the forms of substitute family care. It also deals with the process of placing a child in substitute family care, the preparation of foster parents and the legislation regulating substitute family care. The practical part is based on qualitative research in families with children in foster and tutelary care, in families with adopted children, in Klokánek and in SOS Children's Villages. In the final part of the work the gained knowledge is analysed and processed and at the same time the importance of substitute family care for the child is pointed out.