

## **ABSTRACT**

This thesis deals with life courses of people with a mental disabilities living in the area of Sluknov peninsula. Qualitative research is compiled by interviews that give us a chance to peek into their lives, thoughts and opinions. The thesis is based on theoretical foundations concerning the evolution of mental disability paradigm and legislative and social progress from 1950s to present days. Then I give a summary of options how to accomodate, educate and employ people with mental disabilities in the region.

Key words: mental disability, life courses, qualitative research, interviews