

Abstract

The Master's Thesis examines the problematics of a loss of home perceived as crisis by women – clients of shelters. In its theoretical part mainly the findings of professional expertise and materials about homelessness and psychological crisis of loss were used to describe the phenomenon. It also contains a description of various forms of public services available to women who lost their homes as well as a brief introduction to women's shelters in Prague. Research itself was conducted using semi structured interviews with clients of three of Prague's shelters that offer accommodation services to three different target groups of women and forms the practical part of the thesis. The main aim of the research was to answer a question whether or not the clients of the shelters perceived the loss of their homes as crisis. Through several of the questions within the interview it was possible to achieve satisfactory results in providing the answers as well as in gaining some new perspectives on the above mentioned phenomenon as a whole. The research showed that the women who took part in the survey did indeed perceive the period of time when they lost their homes as crisis.