

ANNOTATION

This thesis explores the social relationships of seniors aged 80+. The aim of this work is to evaluate, describe and become familiar with networks of relationships that seniors may have. The thesis is divided into theoretical and practical parts.

The theoretical part deals with defining the perception of old age and aging, needs of seniors, networks of relationships, seniors living in their natural environment and in the nursing homes.

The practical part is focused on the investigation of social relationships networks of the two selected groups of seniors. There is used qualitative research. The work interprets the results of an investigation, which was carried out between the seniors living in the nursing home and in the natural environment in Jeseník.