

Annotation

This bachelor thesis deals with the lives of people with Down syndrome earlier times and present. The aim of the theoretical part is to provide readers with basic information about Down's syndrome. The work describes levels of mental retardation and forms of Down syndrome. Attention is paid to organizations that help such affected people. Emphasis is placed on the treatment of this disability and on the possibilities of education of children and adults.

The practical part includes qualitative research. The goal is to get informations directly from families and people affected by Down syndrome. The interviews were to find out the differences in the attitude of society towards these people in earlier times and present. Part of the work is two case studies to bring readers closer to people with Down syndrome.