

The topic of the thesis is fear of pre-school children. We particularly observe what children at this age are afraid of and if mothers of these children know what their children are afraid of. Farther we investigate what strategies the mothers select to help their children overcome their fear and if these strategies are perceived by the children as help in coping with their fear. We also inquire what strategies children themselves select in order to overcome their fear and again we take into account if their mothers know the strategies. We observe also other aspects related to coping with children's fear such as children's fantasy, games and rituals. Finally we are concerned with problems with falling asleep, nightmares and bad dreams which can be related to children's fear at this age.