

Abstract

The thesis deals with the theme of Quality of life of hearing impaired people during adolescence. It is divided into two parts – a theoretical one and a practical one. The theoretical part consists of three chapters – A person with hearing impairments, Quality of life and Selected factors affecting life of hearing impaired people. In these chapters we consider categorization, classification, etiology of hearing impaired people, and also consequences of hearing impairments. In the next part we deal with the historical view on the quality of life of hearing impaired people, its specification or measurements of the quality of life. In the last chapter of the theoretical part we choose particular factors which affect life of hearing impaired people – communication, upbringing and education, culture, sport, free time. The practical part of the thesis is focused on analysis and evaluation of a questionnaire-based survey in which 41 hearing impaired respondents at the age of 16 – 21 participated. The questionnaire-based survey is aimed at hearing impaired people's attitude to the quality of life – namely education, free time activities, interactions with intact population and doing activities together – including a preferable form of communication with intact people or present satisfaction in their lives. The last passage of practical part evaluates the results of the survey.

Key words:

Quality of life

Adolescence

Hearing impairments

Communication

Culture, sport, free time