## **Abstract**

The diploma thesis is called: Transformation of social services from the perspective of social workers in residential services in Příbram. The aim of my work is to briefly describe the process, development and objectives of transformation and deinstitutionalization of social services and to supplement it with an empirical qualitative survey. This topic is currently very topical and becomes a big dilemma from the point of view of all workers who are interested in the social area. The main aim of my work is to collect essential information with the help of professional literature and to put forward practical recommendations that will be useful in connection with the possibilities of people with mental disabilities in Příbram. I give these recommendations during the discussion and at the conclusion. I also found out how social workers who work in residential facilities for people with mental disabilities in Příbram or the department of social services Příbram perceive the transformation of social services. The aim of the thesis is not to analyze the transformation of social services in the Czech Republic in its entirety. The aim of my work is neither representative research nor scientific data analysis. I drew from the articles of professional journals and books especially Czech specialists who are most interested in this topic or close to it. I divided the thesis into five main chapters, which deal with people with mental disabilities, characteristics of social services, transformation and deinstitutionalisation of social services. The central part of the thesis is the fifth chapter on the perception of the transformation of social services by social workers in Příbram.