

Abstract

The diploma thesis is called "Ethical context of the performance of child protection departments at the municipal authorities with extended powers". The aim of the thesis is to describe ethical dilemmas arising out of direct social work with minors and their families and contribute with an empirical qualitative research. The thesis is divided into seven main chapters, discussing child protection itself as well as ethical dilemmas and theoretical possibilities of support in working with ethical dilemmas. The main part of the thesis is a chapter on the perception and work with ethical dilemmas from the perspective of child protection social workers at the municipalities with extended powers. The outcome of the thesis is a reflection of selected ethical dilemmas from the perspective of both theory and practice. This reflection is discussed in the conclusion.