

Abstract

The main objective of my work was to transparently capture the process of implementation of provision of network supervision in Chrudim through the action research method.

The theoretical part has been dedicated to the description of supervision as one of important tools for professional growth of workers in helping professions. Experiences with the provision of interdisciplinary supervision in New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the Czech Republic were described. The second part of the theoretical section was focused on interdisciplinary cooperation in the Czech Republic, specifically cooperation within the network of services for vulnerable children and families in Chrudim.

In the research I used the method of action research, which is about dialogue and cooperation of all research participants. Action research investigation stems from everyday practice and aims to find the best solution to a given problem at local level. I used the methods of observation, self-research, focus groups and semi-structured interviews to obtain data. Research participants were employees of the Department of Social and Legal Protection and workers from non-profit organizations from Chrudim and its surroundings.

The findings of this work should serve to enable professionals to experience this new field of supervision as well as facilitate supervision practice within different fields of social work. They will also serve as a recommendation for possible continuation of network supervision in Chrudim.

Keywords

supervision, network supervision, action research, social and legal protection of children, interdisciplinary cooperation