

Abstract

The diploma thesis is focused on socio-pedagogical means of assistance to the homeless which is provided by social facilities in the Czech Republic in the process of their reintegration. The goal of the thesis is to ascertain, describe and analyse the possibilities of socio-pedagogical assistance to the homeless. The thesis has theoretical-empirical character.

In the theoretical part, I concentrate on the topic of homelessness, public housing, system of assistance for the homeless where I mention two approaches of supported living: Housing Ready and Housing First. Other topics include social difficulties and social reintegration of the homeless, social pedagogy and socio-pedagogical means of assistance to the homeless where social rehabilitation, community work and social entrepreneurship belong.

The empirical part is devoted to a research. With the usage of semi-structured interviews, this research examines which means of socio-pedagogical assistance to the homeless are used in the process of their social reintegration and how both parties reflect on its usefulness. The interviews were carried out by the clients of the facilities offering socio-pedagogical assistance and the workers who offer this assistance to them.

The main findings include that on their reintegration, the homeless deal with a lot of obstacles and the most important ones are housing and economic self-reliance, which social enterprises can help the most with. It was ascertained that socio-pedagogical assistance to the homeless is not offered by that many facilities. In the housing assistance, it is necessary for the state to take many steps and makes public housing accessible to more people in need. The research has found out that all the informants assess socio-pedagogical assistance to the homeless offered by the selected facilities as useful. Based on the data analysis, there have been made some recommendations for further research.

Key words:

Homelessness, homeless people, community centre, socio-pedagogical assistance, social enterprise, social rehabilitation, social reintegration