

Summary

The diploma thesis aims to describe the process of family strengthening of two services provided by Regional Caritas Jičín. It also compares the services using a good practice approach, which is defined by multidisciplinary cooperation and a network of activities of various organizations. The theoretical part of the thesis describes the process of family strengthening and explains terms such as family and its functions, multi-problem family, the vulnerability of contemporary family, family typology, or various socio-pathological phenomena. In this part, the objectives, principles, and legal framework of family strengthening are described. Two researched social activation services providing family strengthening are introduced. The setting of the system of care in Czechia is outlined, including its current issues and the ongoing transformation. Moreover, the innovative concepts of cooperation and methods of social work are introduced, i.e. multidisciplinary teams, child protection conferences, family conferences, or the Cochem model. The practical part of the thesis sets out three research objectives and describes the approach to the research, including its ethics, the researchers' position, and the method used for data collection – the semi-structured interview. Furthermore, the research analysis is presented and the key findings are defined.

Keywords

family strengthening, system of care, cooperation of organisations, multidisciplinary team, child protection conference, family conference, Cochem model