

Summary

This thesis deals with the cooperation of foster parents, Department of social and legal protection of children and accompanying organizations on the performance of foster care. The thesis contains both theoretical and practical part. The theoretical part of the thesis contains four chapters. It is based on an analysis of professional sources.

The first chapter deals with the definition of basic concepts, legislative definition and a brief historical outline in the field of alternative family care.

The second chapter focuses on the specifics of foster care with regard to the needs of children coming to foster families, defines the rights and obligations of foster parents and foster care benefits.

The third chapter contains a basic description of social and legal protection of children in the Czech Republic and defines the role of the Department of social and legal protection of children in the context of foster care. The core of the chapter is the process of mediation of foster care.

The fourth chapter describes the work of accompanying organizations and key workers. It also focuses on services provided by organizations and the process of concluding a contract on the performance of foster care.

The practical part of the thesis contains the methodology and analysis of data from the research, which was focused on the cooperation of foster parents, Department of social and legal protection of children and accompanying organizations from the perspective of foster parents. The research was conducted using semi-structured interviews with four foster mothers. The practical part concludes with a discussion that summarizes the research findings and puts them into a broader context.