

ABSTRACT

The topic of this master's thesis is the evaluation of the current situation of foster care for a transitional period from the viewpoint of the staff of the Authority for Social-Legal Protection of Children in the South Bohemian Region. The content of the master's thesis is divided into a theoretical and an empirical part. In the first chapter of theoretical part, the primary attention is given to the problem of the endangered child, because social and legal protection is aimed at endangered children, to whom the next theoretical chapter devoted to. The third chapter of the theoretical issue is focused on the care provided by the substitute family, with the greatest interest being narrowed down to foster care for a temporary period. The last chapter of the theoretical part is directed to the current legislative changes, which underline the entire issue.

In connection with the aim of the work and theoretical findings, the main research question was set: How do the Authority for Social-Legal Protection of Children workers evaluate the current situation of temporary foster care? Furthermore, sub-research questions were determined: How do the Authority for Social-Legal Protection of Children workers evaluate the current cooperation with temporary foster parents? What positives do the Authority for Social-Legal Protection of Children workers perceive in temporary foster care with regard to the current legislative change? What are the negatives presented by the Authority for Social-Legal Protection of Children workers in foster care for a temporary period with regard to the current legislative change? In order to fulfill the research goal, a qualitative research strategy was chosen. The research group consisted of eight employees of the Authorities for Social-Legal Child Protection of municipalities with extended jurisdiction in the South Bohemian Region. The results of the interviews were analyzed using the method of spread cards and subsequently interpreted.

Keywords: Social worker of the Authority for Social-Legal Protection of Children; child at risk; temporary foster care; foster parent; substitute family care

