

Abstract

This diploma thesis is focused on forensic social work and the position of a forensic social worker, which is the subject of pilot testing in some district courts in the Czech Republic within the „Improvement of access to justice for vulnerable groups“ Judicial Academy project. The primary goal of this thesis is to assess the importance of the position of the forensic social worker in the Czech justice system in the context of judicial care for minors from the point of view of the forensic social worker. The theoretical part of this thesis presents foreign and Czech forensic social work concepts and the role of a forensic social worker abroad. It also presents the Judicial Academy project, its activities and inspiring foreign models and approaches that are tested when shaping practice in the Czech environment. Focus is put on the position of the forensic social worker and the role of the forensic social worker in judicial care for minors according to Act No. 292/2013 Coll., on special court proceedings. The empirical part of this thesis is based on a qualitative type of research in which the technique of semi-structured interviews was used.