

ABSTRACT

This bachelor thesis focuses on the issue of suicides among elderly, which is often overlooked and insufficiently explored. The theoretical part of the thesis defines the concept of suicidality in connection with aging and analyzes various aspects of this issue. From a historical perspective, the perception of suicide in antiquity and the Middle Age is examined, as well as the work of Tomáš Garrigue Masaryk *Sebevražda hromadným jevem společenským moderní osvěty*. Furthermore, the causes of suicide are analyzed, and within the prevention of suicides among elderly, the influence of media and family environment is considered, as well as the importance of crisis hotlines. The practical part of the study includes qualitative research in the form of interviews, which reflects the view of different age groups on the issue of suicides among the elderly. The research also involves the participation of a social worker, who brings an expert perspective on this issue. The aim of the thesis is to identify the causes of suicides among the elderly and propose effective preventive measures. Another implicit goal is to raise awareness of this problem, as increasing societal awareness can help reduce the number of suicides among the elderly. The result of this work include insights into suicides among the elderly, evaluating the level of societal awareness in this area, and formulation of solution proposals. The research indicates that society has insufficient awareness of this issues and is not always adequately prepared to respond in emergencies. Respondents agree that an effective measure in prevention would be to increase societal awareness of this issue, which could lead to greater vigilance among families and society as a whole.

KEYWORDS

Suicide, elderly, social isolation, causes of suicide, attitude towards suicide