

ABSTRACT:

Background: According to the standards of the Mental Health Center services, their function is integrated care for persons with a dual diagnosis (MZČR, 2021).

Objectives: The goal of the work is to describe and understand how and by whom care is provided to clients in the field of addiction in selected centers.

Methods: The practical part of the work consists of semi-structured interviews with workers from 15 (52%) different centers involved in the care of clients with a dual diagnosis in the field of addiction, processed using the method of thematic analysis.

Main results: Respondents from 87% of the examined centers had some theoretical or practical training in the field of addiction. Addictologists worked in 40% of the examined centers, all of them in the position of social worker. Those in the center fulfill the role of specialists in working with people with a dual diagnosis. Most centers combine different treatment models. If the client is indicated for residential addiction treatment, they apply the model of successive treatment. They widely use the parallel treatment model. If necessary, they integrate elements of addiction treatment into the care provided. Groups for clients with a dual diagnosis are held in only one investigated center.

Conclusion and recommendations: The diverse training of team members in the addiction field appears to be unsystematic and often insufficient. There are centers where they have no staff with education or experience in the field of addiction treatment. An addiction specialist would be a suitable expert to provide consultation support for the team and to be involved in the creation and implementation of individual client plans. In addition, he could contribute to the training of team members in addiction issues.

KEY WORDS:

Addictologist, Mental Health Center, dual disorders, addiction, integrated treatment (IDDT)

