

## ABSTRACT

This diploma thesis focuses on the values of social workers involved in accompanying majority foster families who have a Roma child in their care. The thesis is divided into a theoretical and an empirical part. The theoretical part consists of three chapters. The first chapter is devoted to social work in foster care in the Czech Republic and introduces substitute family care, fostering and the subjects involved in it, as well as the service of accompanying foster families. The second chapter deals with Roma children placed in foster care in majority families and explains in more detail the challenges in this area. The third chapter discusses the value systems of social workers and describes in more detail the role of values in social work, the ethics of social work and the value conflicts that social workers may experience in their profession.

The empirical part of this thesis aimed to explore the values of social workers who work with majority foster families who have a child of Roma origin in their care. Therefore, the main research question was formulated as follows: „What values do social workers from accompanying organisations follow in their work with majority families who have a child of Roma origin in foster care?“. In order to achieve the research objective, a qualitative research strategy was chosen. The research sample consisted of 10 informants – social workers from accompanying organisations with experience of working with majority families with Roma children in foster care – with whom semi-structured interviews were conducted. The interviews were analysed using structuring qualitative content analysis and the results of this study are presented.