

## **Abstract**

The rigorous work Parental conflict and its effects on the child from the point of view of social work focuses on the phenomenon of transferring parental conflict to the child and the possibility of positively influencing its consequences on the child who is part of the parental conflict.

**Background:** The work is based on a description of family functions, deals with parental conflict in a divorce or post-divorce situation, targets specific structures of parental conflict, and pays attention to information on transmission of parental conflict to the child and on needs of a child affected by parental conflict and divorce. It describes the possibilities of family support in a divorce situation, selected methods of social work, the Supported Communication service and recommended procedures for parents' divorce with regard to children.

**Methodology and data collection:** This is a qualitative research study. Data analysis was performed through grounded theory based on the phenomenological method of IPA. The main source of data was interviews with six professionals working in a family counseling center with parents experiencing conflict. Research questions ask for factors causing parental conflict, the child's position in parental conflict and its experience, procedures for working with parents in conflict, problem areas and positive consequences of managed parental conflict.

**Results and Discussion:** Qualitative research yielded findings in three areas: The nature of the provided service, The specifics of parental conflict, and The risks or benefits of conflict for the absent child according to the degree of conflict management by the parents. It has been shown that working with parents through selected methods of social work brings benefits to the child in a challenging life situation and helps to support parental competence in the area of agreement making and mutually open, respectful communication in the interest of their child. The topic of Service at the border of several disciplines, the topic of the Relationship between conflict and parenting, and the question of Believability, whether the service can have a benefit for an absent child, are discussed with professional literature. A perspective on working with parents in conflict that impacts on the child provides innovative and beneficial inspiration for professionals in social services working with a similar target group.