Abstract

The diploma thesis deals with the topic of independent living opportunities for people with physical disability with high support needs. The goal of the thesis is to map the implementation of point b) Article 19 of Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) that guarantees access to in-home, residential and other community support services to all persons with disabilities. The concept of human rights and the theory of implementation are used as grounding theoretical concepts for the thesis. Qualitative research survey was realized among policy recipients and experts in the field of disability support. The survey had identified insufficient implementation of the right to independent living and its various forms, causes and impacts on the research group. The analysis points out to the deficit in implementation, which can be caused by fragmentation of disability support agenda, differing interests of the various stakeholders, low level of cooperation between them and the lack of personalized solutions for people with high support needs. Unavailability of field social services and inadequate amount of care allowance were identified as main barriers that hinder securing of the right to independent living. Suggested solutions to improve the situation concern the financing of social services, increasing the number of personnel in social services and changing the assessment system of the care allowance.