

Abstract

The diploma thesis deals with the topic of perinatal loss from the point of view of social workers in the Czech Republic. The aim of the work is to find out how social workers work with parents experiencing the perinatal loss of a child and those who expect the loss, and what factors influence the form of their work. The research objective will be fulfilled with the help of qualitative research, namely semi-structured interviews with social workers meeting with parents who have experienced the perinatal loss of a child. The interviews will focus on the used care provision strategies for the given target group of parents in the field of social work and the reflection of these strategies by social workers. Research has shown that social workers are an asset to the multidisciplinary team working with perinatal bereavement and in practice are irreplaceable professionals in providing psychosocial support to bereaved parents. Research findings contributed to the recognition of supporting factors that enable social workers to accompany grieving parents, and barriers, especially at the systemic and organizational level, which need to be addressed in order to increase the quality of psychosocial support in the context of perinatal palliative care services.