

Abstract

In the context of social work, the marginalisation of clients may be promoted due to the influence of cultural values, political demands and personal prejudices of professionals. This thesis focuses on gender aspects in preventive social services for children, adolescents and young adults, specifically in low threshold facilities for children and youth and halfway houses. Through semi-structured interviews with the leaders of these services, reflection on gender and how this reflection connects with their practice, both in leading teams and in direct work with clients, is explored, with a focus on preventing gender stereotypes. The research section is framed by theories of critical and anti-oppressive social work, gender sensitive approach and their implications for structures of equality, which are referred to in the main findings.

Keywords:

Gender stereotypes, gender work culture, critical and anti-oppressive social work, gender sensitive social work, management and leadership in social services, ethics of social work