

Abstract

This master's thesis explores the topic of mandatory confidentiality and reporting obligations in work with at-risk youth, with a particular focus on low-threshold facilities for children and youth.

The aim of this research is to identify the dilemmas most frequently encountered by workers in these facilities concerning mandatory confidentiality and reporting obligations.

The theoretical section delves into the concept of at-risk youth, various types of risky behavior, youth crime and delinquency, and the criminal responsibility of youth. It also describes the institutions and social services that work with at-risk youth, with a specific emphasis on low-threshold facilities. Additional chapters address mandatory confidentiality and reporting obligations.

The empirical section presents research conducted on a similar topic and introduces the research investigation of this thesis. This qualitative research was carried out through semi-structured interviews with employees of low-threshold facilities for children and youth. The data was analyzed using thematic analysis.

The research results chapter discusses the individual dilemmas that emerged from the interviews with workers, highlighting the most common issues. It further examines the specific experiences of workers with reporting obligations, the lack of cooperation with other institutions and authorities, and the support options available for resolving these dilemmas.

The thesis concludes with a discussion comparing the results with other research and studies, followed by a conclusion.