Summary

The bachelor's thesis presents the social service of early care and its functioning in the territory of the Czech Republic. The theoretical part describes the history of early care, clarifies the basic characteristics, programs and forms of this service. It also focuses on restrictions and limits, mainly consisting of insufficient local availability, limited capacity and low awareness on the part of health facilities. Due to one of the specifics of early care, which is the focus of the service on the whole family as a system, a relatively extensive part of the work is devoted to the phenomenon of the family and the specific effects resulting from the child's disability on the functioning of families. The practical part focuses on the personal knowledge of parents who used the early care service in the recent past. As part of interviews with respondents, their specific experiences, knowledge, opinions, subjectively perceived positives and reservations towards this social service are presented. The aim of the bachelor thesis, especially its practical part, is to capture the personal perspective of specific families and their insight into the specific benefits of early care.