

ABSTRAKT

The main subject of the dissertation are women – users of addictive substances. The dissertation charts previous studies that are dealing with this specific group, defines specifics of using illegal addictive substances by women, deals with gender issues and presents „drug programs“ for women in Czech Republic or Prague. There are four categories in the dissertation: women as users, pregnant users, mothers as users.

The major purpose of the dissertation is to find out, which needs belong to female users of addictive substances, how offered services correspond to these needs and what is missing within care system. As a result the dissertation suggests appropriate services for female users so that their needs would be satisfied, which services should we offer so that female users would be more in contact with care facility, how should we eliminate unwanted pregnancy or how could we help female users to have children in their own care.

Material for the study were gathered through field work by semistructured interview with female users of illegal addictive substances in Prague – clients of drug services. Another information was acquired through an interview with three employees of drug services interested in the same issue.