

Abstract

The aim of presented work is to map the use of peer consultants' services among organizations working in the field of mental health care. The structure of the work is as follows – The first chapter offers a deeper introduction to the issue of mental illness. The second one presents the individual possibilities of employment of people with mental illness and aspects of barriers to entry into the free labour market. The third chapter presents in more detail the position of the peer worker, especially one of his options, i.e. the position of the peer consultant, the benefits and the negatives of this position and comparison with other possibilities of employment of people with mental illness in the free labour market. The last, fourth chapter is the practical part, which deals with the use of the services of peer consultants in the Czech Republic at present and compares it with the previous results of the survey.

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