

The aim of this thesis is to draw the reader's attention to the importance and necessity of community and social work with the community, which is not anchored in the Czech Republic by any legislation. The thesis draws attention to a number of ambiguous definitions of terms and different perspectives on social work with community, although many professional materials emphasize the need for functional communities, which are often replaced by social services.

My thesis presents a deep understanding of terms relating to community and community work. The emergence and gradual development of community social work then expands and refines the understanding of community work and its impact on society as a whole.

The role of the social or community worker themselves then plays a crucial role in social work with the community, with clarification of their remit and job description being an essential part of social work with the community. The starting point for this work is the national and regional strategic documents that influence the direction of social work.

The thesis then turns to research to answer the key question of whether current social work with the community in the Czech Republic is theory or practice.