

Abstract

This thesis focuses on the quality of life of children and young people in a children's home. The aim of the thesis is to describe the lives of children in the observed children's home and to compare possible changes and development since their placement to the present. This description and comparison were made through the case studies of two selected boys. To supplement the information and strengthen this topic, an interview was conducted with the host.

The thesis is divided into a theoretical and empirical part. The theoretical part consists of several chapters that are subsequently related to the practical part. Here, I mention the history and current state of children's homes in the Czech Republic, types of children's homes, causes of children's placement in children's homes, children's needs, and developmental stages of children. In the last chapter, the literature review describes the CAN syndrome.

The empirical part is focused on qualitative research methods. The research was conducted by observing and getting to know the operation and schedule of the home, its staff, and the children themselves. For the research, case studies were developed based on the mentioned documents, files, and internal records. To better grasp and deepen the topic, an interview with the host was conducted.

The result of this thesis was the description of possible changes, progress, improvements, or deviations of both boys since their placement into institutional care to the present. The description was deepened by the interview with the host, who enriched the results with a view of the boys' lives beyond the children's home.