

Abstract

This diploma thesis deals with a social worker as an employee and a member of a multidisciplinary team in the field of prison system. The aim of the thesis was to find out the view on the social worker from the perspective of top management of the Czech prison service.

The theoretical part is divided into three major chapters that interconnect with each other. The first chapter deals with the basic definition of social work and a multidisciplinary team, but also delves into the specific area of social work with the crime perpetrators. The second chapter deals with general management, management of social work and top management, which plays a major role in the research investigation. The third chapter focuses on the area of prison system, its brief history, structure, and for the purposes of adding some interesting information to the thesis, also touches upon the life behind prison bars.

The empirical part used qualitative research, specifically semi-structured interview, to fulfill the research goal. The interviews were conducted with top management of the Czech prison service. All collected data was analyzed using method, inspired by grounded theory approach.

During the preparation of this thesis, I found out that the view of top management on social workers is completely positive. According to the management of the Czech prison service, a social worker is an essential and useful member of the multidisciplinary team. The main factors that influence the opinions of the leading officials, which make the social worker seen positively by top management, are certain personal experience, cooperation and education which is shaped not only by the study of the field, but also by regular and fairly frequent training of social workers in prisons.