

Summary

This thesis is focused on the topic of accompanying adolescents who go through an existential crisis after experiencing the death of a loved one. The goal of this work is to gain deeper insight into the problematics of accompanying of the mourning adolescents. The first part of the thesis is focused on the relationship of mankind and death throughout history and on the current ways of dealing with death and deceased people in our society, including the role of funeral rituals. The thesis also describes the developmental period of adolescence and the relationship of adolescents to death. The next part deals with the process of mourning, its stages, complications and, above all, the specific needs and manifestations of adolescents. The final part of the thesis is focused on the process of accompanying, its types, methods, possible problems, accompanying persons and characteristics of the existential crisis.