

ABSTRACT

The dissertation *Children's Home – Opportunities and Challenges in Czech Society of the 21st Century* deals with the issue of children's homes in contemporary Czech society. The dissertation responds to the current debate on the need and restructuring of children's homes. The dissertation's main aim is to determine whether the current children's homes fulfill their legally defined role. The aim of the dissertation is fulfilled by a qualitative research design. The dissertation seeks to provide a detailed insight into the educational reality of children's homes and to contribute to the debate about their future. The dissertation research focuses on the reasons for institutionalization, young adults' readiness to leave the children's home, and their integration into society. The theoretical part of the dissertation focuses on the current state of knowledge and places the issue of children's homes in a legislative framework. The practical part presents research findings, based on which a progressive concept of children's homes for the 21st century is formulated.

KEYWORDS

Children's Home, Institutional Care, Pathology, Prevention, Resocialization