

## **Abstract**

This thesis is focused on the topic of human trafficking. The main aim is to find out the internal factors leading a person to become a victim of human trafficking. The term human trafficking is explained from many points of view such as social work, prevention and legislation. The chapters are focused on explaining what human trafficking is and how it is different from other similar terms which are really easy to confuse with it. This thesis is also about the mechanism of human trafficking and factors leading to the situation of human trafficking. I conducted interviews with some victims of human trafficking to explore the internal factors that led them to making their decision. The practical part of the thesis includes six interviews which I summarized and included three of them written word for word in the appendix of the thesis. I analyzed the interviews and set the codes and categories which I compared to the internal categories written in books that include the factors that lead people to human trafficking. From this comparison, I made new categories to work with. I interpreted the new categories and found new factors leading to the situation of human trafficking. The factors that lead a person to becoming a victim of human trafficking are having a nonfunctional family base, having a low education, growing up in poverty, growing up in orphanages, experiencing physical abuse, being in crisis and missing a social base. All six interviewees had a nonfunctional family base, low education and a missing social base. I found out that growing up in orphanages and having a nonfunctional family are prevalent and risky factors that can lead people to the situation of human trafficking. The same works for education at trade schools which is connected to searching for jobs in the areas where human trafficking is very common. The results of this thesis should help with better prevention focused on the groups of people who are in danger of becoming victims of human trafficking as well as the people who can possibly work with them such as police officers, social workers and doctors. Not only that, but these results can also help all people and all of society to get better information about this problem and possibly to more easily identify victims of human trafficking.