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Research / dissertation project	
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Subject / title of the project	
The Importance of Gender Competencies for Professional Practice in Social Work	
Scientific importance	
Gender stereotypes and prejudices by social workers have only seldom been the subject of research in the Czech Republic.	
Practical relevance	
The goal of research is explore the gendered constructions of women and men as clients and their impact in professional practice in social work. It is important raising the awareness of social workers about their gender strategies and the possible impact of these strategies on their professional work.	
Main thesis	
How gender construction of social workers regarding the image of mothers and fathers-clients reflected in the professional practice of social workers with families in difficult situations?	
Research methodology	
Qualitative research - narrative interview (episodic interview) with social workers.	
Key words	
gender, social workers, gender construction, gender contract, stereotypes, prejudices, gender competencies, practice in social work	
Most relevant literature	
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Key finding (if already existing)