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Research / dissertation project	
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Subject / title of the project The current state of Internet Addiction among high school youth in the Nitra region.	
Scientific importance In our research we focus on the issue of Internet addiction, as it is in today's world of information and communication technologies considered to be highly topical. Researches in this area in Slovakia but also abroad, are rare and therefore we consider it extremely important to increase knowledge about these dependencies.	
Practical relevance A social worker should be able to provide his client background information on issues of non-substance addictions and thus Internet addiction. Although most of social workers do not work primarily with clients dependent on the Internet in their practice, they can face this problem and it is well, if they can properly intervene. We offer such interventions in terms of communication theory and work with families, especially in the work of school social worker.	
Main thesis The research is to find out the risk of threat from Internet addiction among high school youth.	
Research methodology questionnaire	
Key words Secondary Youth. Internet addiction. Communication theory in social work. Social work with dependent young. School social work. Interview. Social counseling. Networking.	
Most relevant literature BENKOVIČ, 2008. <i>Novodobé nelátkové závislosti</i> . In: Sociálna prevencia, č. 1, s. 8-10, ISSN 1336-9679 KONIJN et al. 2008. <i>Mediated interpersonal communication</i> . New York: Routledge, 2008. 398s. ISBN 0203926862 MORTIMER, J. T. - LARSON, R. W. 2002. <i>The changing adolescent experience. Social trends and the transition to adulthood</i> . Cambridge: Cambridge university press, 2002. 273s. ISBN 0-521-81480-4 PAYNE, M. : 2005. <i>Modern social work theory</i> . Chichago: Liceum books, 2005. 315 s. ISBN 978-0925065834 YOUNG, P. 1996. <i>Internet addiction : The emerge of a new clinical disorder</i> . In : Cyber	

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Key finding (if already existing)

44.60% of respondents are considered to be in risk in terms of Internet addiction, 26.10% of respondents in terms of dependence on mobile and 4.90% of the respondents in terms of dependence on gambling.