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Research / dissertation project	
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Subject / title of the project Reintegration of Lone Mothers Living in Asylum Houses to Permanent Housing Forms	
Scientific importance Poverty and social exclusion are very important topics for current social work. Live situation of single mothers living in asylum houses is not mapped sufficiently. It is important to mention that temporary accommodation in asylum houses can be considered as socially excluded households, which, for a number of reasons, can be involved in the activities of mainstream society with difficulties. According to the European Typology of Homelessness and Housing Exclusion (2005), people staying in an asylum house can be even classified as homeless people. In this context we can speak about so called latent or potential homelessness. At this point, I can say that the topic of my PhD. project is actual in context of forming housing policy of The Czech Republic.	
Practical relevance Welfare services for single mothers in asylum houses are not effective in many cases. The research project is focused on a group of single mothers in asylum houses in Ostrava, who leave for permanent housing forms. The project aim is to identify barriers and accelerators of successful reintegration in the housing sector and to determine the needs of mothers leaving for permanent housing forms. The main objective of the project, however, lies in the transfer of knowledge from this study to practical social work in asylum houses for mothers with children and to allow more effective social work in these facilities.	
Main thesis 1. To identify barriers and accelerators of successful reintegration to permanent forms of housing in the life stories of single mothers leaving (who actually leave/who have just left) the asylum houses in Ostrava. 2. To determine the needs of single mothers leaving (who actually leave/who have just left) the asylum building in to permanent forms of housing. 3. To provide findings from the research to asylum houses, to allow more effective social work with clients of asylum houses for women with children in care. The research could also help to identify factors shared by the residents of asylum houses. It could allow better preventive programme for this situation.	
Research methodology The project will be implemented through qualitative research strategy, specifically using a participatory approach, a collaboration with researchers from the peer environment of the asylum house for mothers with children.	
Key words lone mother, asylum-house, homelessness, reintegration, participatory research	
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Key finding (if already existing)