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Research / dissertation project	
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Subject / title of the project School social work: definition, meaning, the first research in Czech republic	
Scientific importance: In my dissertation research, I would like to deal with the issue of school social work in the Czech Republic, namely the possibility of establishing a position of social worker in Czech schools. The issue of school social work in Czech literature remains relatively absent. However, in countries such as Great Britain or the Netherlands, the social work in schools is one of the oldest areas of applied and in the USA are recorded beginnings around 1906.	
Practical relevance: The social worker is simply an expert on the social environment and has the competency requirements resolve any conflicts. In this issue I see great potential for the development of social work. Application field in the school environment would help solve social problems, such as the children of immigrants, discrimination, racism, exclusion, poverty, increased divorce rates, social injustice and crime minors, which affect not only behavior but also need to benefit the school. By creating an effective cooperation network of experts would surely atmosphere and school climate improved, despite the fact that every professional doing his job, concentrating on their area and threatened by a possible burnout.	
Main thesis: The possibility of establishing a social worker jobs in Czech schools	
Research methodology: I plan to use quantitative research strategy to identify opinions educational and professional school staff, but also the social workers of legal protection of children, on the necessity of school social worker and job opportunities provision of school social worker. The survey will complete the processing of case studies documenting examples of good practice, school social work in Czech schools. Based on the research results I suggest a model school social work applicable in the Czech education system.	
Key words: School social work, school social worker, postmodern society	
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Key finding (if already existing)