

Environment's Impact on The Emergence of Drug Addictions of Children and Youth; Possibilities of Their Prevention

Abstract:

The contribution refers to the participation of environment for the emergence of drug addictions of children and youth. It expounds the origins of drug addiction emergence with special respect to environment's impact. It also presents selected results of the research implemented at elementary schools of the Banska Bystrica district in the Slovak Republic. A part of the research was directed to determine personal experiences with drugs of pupils at the 2nd stage of elementary schools.

Key words: *drug addiction, environment, prevention, toxic addiction of children and youth, reasons for emergence of drug addictions, elementary schools.*

A rapid expansion of the drug problem in the transformation period has motivated professional public to a deeper analysis of the roots of toxic addictions and of the possibilities to prevent them. A toxic addiction is a polyethiologically conditioned phenomenon; factors of bio-psycho-social character participate in its emergence. While dealing with the aetiology of a toxic addiction we will come out from the fact that man as a bio-psycho-social being is unique and non-recurring. The present level of knowledge presented in the scholarly literature points to multi-causality of the roots on which a toxic addiction arises, develops and spreads. This is why we clarify the aetiology of the drug addiction problems based on views presented by various authors with special regard to the social environment.

Environment can impact on humans either positively, in the sense of socially desirable norms, or negatively. (Emmerová, I. 2004, p.143) Various authors (E. Urban, 1973; J. Presl, 1994; J. Hroncová, 1996, 2006; V. Kolibáš & E. Novotný, 1995; I. Novotný, 1999; I. Emmerová, 2004 and others) refer to the impact and