

## Parents as Partners in the Rehabilitation of Adolescents

### Abstract

This paper aims to contribute to the examination of the parents' role in the process of rehabilitation of children at risk. It is informed by knowledge gained through research into rehabilitation partnerships of parents in the Czech Republic. It reflects on the parental role as part of the so-called condition of consistence of shaping the impact of the child's social background. The paper presents the following issues related to the current situation of parental partnerships: a) expectations of the parental partnership required by law, b) typology of mothers' roles, c) profile of the family background of an adolescent describing the family's social status, the occurrence of social deviation and quality of parental behaviour in the families of the adolescents who are subject to institutional care.

**Key words:** *legal concept of institutional care, rehabilitation role of parents, behavioural roles, consistence of shaping the impact, family background, socio-economic status of a family, financial status, educational status, socially deviant behaviour, diminished/weakened social relations, parental behaviour*

### Introduction

Our research task "The External Environment of Re-education Institutions" is part of the GAČR (Grant Agency of the Czech Republic) research project "The Community System in Rehabilitation Institutions for Adolescents" carried out in the years 2006–2008<sup>1</sup>. The aims of our partial research were, firstly, to describe

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