

Conclusions

Competency-based approach to professional training is a relatively new trend both for the social work education in Ukraine, and for the evaluation of human capacity of service providers.

This research indicates the lack of direct correlation between the professional experience and awareness of the competency level, the authors actually illustrated the lack of one of the most important professional qualities of SWs – ability to have a professional reflection. Without a proper education and experience of supervision, workers in the area of protection of rights and interests of children are not able to evaluate the significance of their own professional tasks against current standards of SW.

The professional programmes for the practitioners in the area of child protection are acquiring a new content. There is a need to overcome the lack of a 'basic understanding' of the essence of this profession by all key subjects working in the area of protection of the rights and interests of children, and at the same time to consolidate the professional community taking into account uniform understanding of the essence of this profession.

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