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TRAINING VOLUNTEERS AS TO THEIR MOTIVATION AND ITS OUTCOME

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Introducing the paper, several factors are presented which motivate people to volunteer in professional institutions and in various actions and projects organised by non-governmental organisations. The effects of volunteering are roughly divided into those related to personal growth and self-realisation, professional education of the volunteer, and learning about the institution and the professional's role in it. In its central part, the paper deals with a variety of characteristics and peculiarities of guiding, training and supervising volunteers, presenting, at the same time, a model of tutoring, supervision and training. The author favours the integral approach that focuses on supervision groups. Supervisor (often the professional who heads the project) has a tutoring role in these groups, bringing into play the educative as well as guiding and supportive function of supervision.

Jelka Škerjanc

A TALE OF ECOLOGY AND POWER

*Social worker Jelka Škerjanc directs an experimental project called Individualised Care of People with Special Needs in the Slovenian coast region.*

The author focuses on the problem of total exclusion of the handicapped people from discussions affecting their lives and their social position. She touches upon the dubious, power-related management of some recently established services for the handicapped which give the impression to be modern and user-friendly, whereas in fact, as regards power relations within management structures, they are rather like sisters of their criticised big brothers (institutions). The necessity of change within relations of power between professionals and users is emphasised, so that the handicapped will be able to take over control of their lives and of the services established for their benefit.

Peter Stefanoski

SOCIAL WORK THAT ACCEPTS DRUG-USING

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The author offers for reflection a possible approach to the work with people who take illegal drugs. His reference is social work that accepts drug-using. He insists on the discourse of social work and its roots in supporting community mental health and social security. The problem of drug-using is therefore discussed in the framework of social integration v. social expulsion of the person who takes drugs. The purpose of social work in these cases is not defined simply as achieving abstinence which is merely one of possible solutions of a problem situation. The final purpose is what in the discourse of social work is defined as social integration.

Vida Milošević-Arnold

FOSTERAGE IN INDIANA

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The paper presents fosterage in Indiana, USA. Initially, the development and the legal regulation of the field in the USA are compared to those in Slovenia. The procedure of placing a child into a

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foster family is described in detail, as well as a special kind of fostering called therapeutic. The author presents the principles guiding US legislation and professional practice in this form of child care, as well as the way in which regulations and directions in professional work are established, all of which is strongly linked to research.

Franc Udovič

### ASSESSING ALIMONIES BY AGREEMENT

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The Slovenian Law of Marital Union and Family Relations regulates, among other things, the question of assessing alimonies and defines in detail the conditions and elements of the assessment. In practice, however, the issue is often delicate: how to determine the amount that would correspond to the receiver's needs as well as to the capabilities of the other side. What is particularly difficult is to justly assess and consider the work and time invested in care and education of underage children by their parents. The paper presents the technique of mediation, in which the alimony is discussed with regard to the planning of future households of each parent and includes their wholesome financial and material situation. Through mediation, the former partners seek for a solution (the amount of alimony) that will enable both parents and children to live normally after divorce.

Boža Napret

### THE PROCESS OF DEINSTITUTIONALISATION OF THE UNIT FOR YOUNGER HANDICAPPED WITHIN LJUBLJANA-BEŽIGRAD HOME FOR THE ELDERLY

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The author describes her experience of the »deinstitutionalisation« of the unit in which she lives. Theoretically, she refers to Foucault's and Berger and Luckman's analysis of institutional practices. What is particularly revealing is the kind of »cunning of the mind« which only achieves »changes« that do not alter the fundamental structure of the relationships, at least not intentionally.

Jože Frkač

### VOLUNTARY WORK

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The author, on the basis of personal experiences, seeks for the boundary, or junction, between the professional and the voluntary, between paid and unpaid work. He defines voluntary work as a »capital value«; by the same token, its »profit« depends on the investment. The essay is also a survey and analysis of the group home in which he works as a volunteer.