

Introduction

Dear readers,

we are happy that once again you are reading through our magazine JEP. Our editorial board has included in this number several articles on the life of exceptional people that should attract you not only for their professional level, but could also be interesting and inspiring for you. These articles are divided into two main groups, which are scientific papers and overview essays. In the 7th issue of our magazine you can encounter a problem of special education therapeutic approaches. The first article of Slovak author refers to research of the effectiveness of art therapy interventions and notes the most frequently used research methods of this effectiveness (Z. Yakhyayev). The following Slovak article is also focused on therapy. Z. F. Lucká notes in it not only the importance of psychomotor therapy at an early age of a child with disabilities, but acquaints us with the importance of the first physical contacts between the child and the parents in the first year of its life. On the other hand O. Muller in the next post deals with expressive therapeutic approaches that are applied to gerontopsychiatric users in the Czech Republic.

The possibilities of professional support for teachers who work with clients with multiple disabilities are elaborated in the article by J. Kantor. It touches upon such topics as supervision, Balint group, burnout syndrome. The following text of four Czech authors reports on broadly conceived research concerning the satisfaction or dissatisfaction of users living in sheltered housing (J. Kasáčková, M. Hubišťová, Z. Kozáková, G. Smečková).

L. Král and E. Králová in the next post deal with an outline of a causal research of girls with Down syndrome with emphasis on the development and monitoring of their leisure activities – swimming, skiing, dance ...

The latest overview essay by Chinese author (L. Shangwei) is focused on the area of special education, as implemented on higher schools in the USA. The author uses

his own experience of staying in the USA and describes special education, degree programs and teacher education for the students with special needs that take place at these schools.

The seventh issue of the Journal of Exceptional People is finished with two readers' invitations – reviews. J. Jičínská encourages us to read the interesting publication *Intellectually Gifted Children With Dyslexia*, which relates to rather contrasting problem of unilaterally gifted children, the last book review will be no less interesting for the readers, it invites us to the African environment – The what and how of community based rehabilitation (CBR) in the African decade of persons with disabilities reviewed by J. E. Olayi.

The last part of our magazine includes, as usual, information for the authors. We believe that some appears again among you. We wish you nice read.

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