

## **ABSTRACT**

**Graduation thesis topic:** Social work with troubled youth in special-purpose departments of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation

**Objective:** investigation of social work with troubled youth in the context of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation authorities and development of recommendations on its improvement

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**Urgency of the research** is conditioned by complexity and controversy of the processes taking place today in the environment of the minors. Spread of alcoholism and drug addiction, tendency towards committing increasingly aggressive and violent crimes by the minors have reached the scales that are of serious concern for the society. Today, protection of the younger generation from involvement in the criminogenic environment is the priority task of the state. That is why social work with troubled teenagers conducted by the authorities of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation is of great importance, and research of the current situation and development of measures on the improvement of this area are becoming significantly urgent.

**Theoretical and practical relevance of the research** The results of the research allow to generalize, develop and deepen theoretical model of the problems of social work with troubled youth, including work in the context of the authorities of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation.

The practical relevance consists in the possibility of using the suggested recommendation on the improvement of social work with troubled youth to increase the efficiency of the activity of juvenile divisions.

**Results:** The analysis of the activity results of the juvenile division of the department of Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation in Pyatigorsk, conducted in the research, has shown that the division's work is formed according to the requirements of national law enforcement and leads to the overall decrease of the number of registered law violations by minors. However, there are a range of issues, including increase in the fraction of registered law violations connected with parents' failure to perform their duties on the material support and upbringing of minors, significant increase of the cases of minors' leaving their homes and social institutions due to quarrels with parents, complexity of identification of the cases of drug use by minors against the background of the rise of critical situation with distribution of new synthetic drugs in the Caucasian Spas region. The activity of the juvenile divisions can become more effective only in case of constant observation of children and teenagers, which is impossible to achieve without increased focus of parents on this issue.

**Recommendations:** Special attention should be paid to the development of means allowing the parents to determine the elements of deviant behavior of teenagers in a timely manner. A project, aimed at creation of an interactive questionnaire for parents called *Awareness* allowing to determine the risk group of a troubled child, is one of such means. The project is aimed at identification of the type of deviant behavior that is likely for the child: disapprovable, condemnable, deviant, delinquent or illegal behavior. Timely results of the questionnaires will allow to determine the risk group and measures on preventive correction of the minor's deviant behavior.