

YOUNG FAMILY AS AN OBJECT OF SOCIAL WORK**Zaretska V.S.,**

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The article deals with young family, its features, functions, and problems addressed in various fields of scientific and public life: psychology, sociology, demography, theory and practice of social work. However, questions concerning effective forms of social work with young families aimed at solving their problems require thorough consideration.

Based on the results of social diagnostics, problems of modern young family and statistical information and analytical materials on the activities of social services for family, children and youth, there are some features and trends of development of social work with a young family.

Firstly, it is necessary to note increase in the number of families and family members who apply for social assistance, which may indicate, on the one hand, some negative trends

occurring in modern young families during the socio-economic crisis, and on the other – awareness of their problems, desire to resolve family conflicts, form positive psychological culture and attitudes towards social service institutions.

Secondly, there is a tendency to expand the network of social services, their diversity and purpose that meets the demands and needs of people in the Ukrainian society.

Thirdly, the priorities of state authorities regarding changes in the social sphere (particularly in the field of social assistance and social protection) change, which is associated with the formation and construction of the welfare state in Ukraine, focus on the European model of the welfare state, in which one of the priorities is to support and help young families.