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## **FAMILY SOCIAL SUPPORT IN UKRAINE AND ABROAD: COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS**

Today, the number of families who live in difficult situations due to economic and political crisis is increased. The number of families with different kinds of drug addiction is also grown. There are single-parent families, migrants' families and families where violence is raging. Every year a number of people registered in the police on domestic violence is changed: 2010 – 91913, 6 months of 2011 – 102150. [5]. According to the statistics, every year the single-parent families are increased. Nowadays, it is one in five, in addition to 90% of the sons and daughters of a single mother raising [8]. Taking everything into consideration, the basis of social support improvement is one of the main mechanisms of social problems elimination.

It is known that the notion 'family' in Ukraine, Europe and the USA has the different context. For instance, in Ukraine and Russia, 'family' means a group of people related by blood or marriage with children or without them [9]. In the USA or England the "family" is considered to be an unmarried couple who shares the household [1]. The term "social support" in Ukraine and abroad has common characteristics (development of program that is aimed at positive changes achievements in the family that found itself in a difficult situation). The term "social support" exists only in the former Soviet society and European countries. The term "crisis intervention" is used in the United States. Social support is the work of a social worker which is aimed at supporting the family in various forms of life. It helps to form a family's ability to overcome different difficulties. [6] Crisis intervention is a process dedicated to the coordination, rehabilitation, care and support of people with difficult life circumstances. [2] So we can say that the terms "crisis intervention" and "social support" are sufficiently similar in the content.

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