

The first chapter discusses a wide cross section of the legal system of family protection. It points to the international system of the protection of family rights, the constitutional protection of family rights, as well as the family, which is an interdisciplinary subject of interest in law. The definitions of the family in selected acts of substantive administrative law were also discussed. The second chapter deals with the dangers of addictions, such as alcoholism, gambling and drug addiction, as well as legal regulations regarding the possibility of coping with them. The third chapter presents the tasks of the government administration in the field of the protection of family rights, as well as selected programmes concerning the family. The fourth chapter discusses the tasks of communes in the field of social welfare, financial assistance for students and commissioned tasks concerning government administration. The fifth chapter discusses poviats' tasks in the field of the protection of family rights. The sixth chapter deals with the subject of voivodeship self-government. The seventh chapter draws attention to domestic and foreign institutions supporting proper functioning of the family and the importance of the third sector in the protection of family rights. Finally, the conclusions *de lege lata* and *de lege ferenda* are formulated. It should be emphasized that the complexity of the discussed matter made it necessary to apply more than one basic research method. In order to ensure reliable research, the dogmatic, historical-legal, comparative and theoretical-legal methods were employed.