Problem setting. Working-out of the effective public policy is associated with strategic planning, which is of particular relevance in the development and implementation of the state policy in the field of social formation and development of young people.

Recent research and publications analysis. Strategic management has been studied by such national scholars as: A. Barovska, T. Brus, R. Brusak, V. Horbulin, A. Kachynskiy, H. Sytnyk, V. Tertychka et al. Such Ukrainian scholars as M. Karakai, M. Lavrysheva, V. Orlov, H. Koval and others have been dealing with the issue of strategic planning in the field of youth policy. However, the issues under investigation in the field of social formation and development of young people have not been sufficiently studied.

Paper objective. The paper objective is to analyze strategic documents of the public policy in the field of social formation and development of young people in Ukraine in order to find ways to improve the youth policy.

Paper main body. Development of public policy is reflected in the creation of public documents – doctrines, concepts, strategies, programs, basic principles, plans, etc. These official documents are developed in the context of the public strategic planning. Two problems are not settled at the legislative level in Ukraine: the lack of generalizing notion for all the above documents; the lack of a single coherent hierarchy of such documents. This leads to inefficiency of strategic planning in the field of social formation and development of young people in Ukraine.

Currently, the strategic documents of public policy in the youth field are: the Development Strategy of the Public Youth Policy until 2020; the State Social Target Program "Youth of Ukraine" for 2009-2015; the State Program for Provision of Youth with Housing in 2013-2017.

The strategic documents of the state policy in the field of social formation and development of young people should also include the documents relating to individual components of the process of young people integration into society. Thus, currently the following strategic documents are in force: the National Doctrine of Education Development, National Strategy for the Development of Education in Ukraine for the period until 2021 (education sector); the Concept of the State System of Occupational Guidance of Population, the Program for Employment Promotion and Stimulation of New Vacancies Creation in the period until 2017 (labor sector);
the Concept of Creation and Development of Sociotechnopolicies, the State Program for Provision of Youth with Housing in 2013-2017 (residential area); the National Doctrine of Development of Physical Education and Sports, the Concept of Public Health Development of Ukraine (youth health).

The above programs, doctrines, strategies do not produce tangible results because logic circuit "policy generation → policy implementation → obtaining expected results → goal achievement" is broken.

Youth development is a part of human development of the state. Therefore one should come round to consideration of projects of the Concept of Human Development and the National Youth Doctrine and adopt these political and legal documents at the legislative level. This will make it possible to arrange scattered acting documents of the state strategic planning into a coherent system and within this system to develop new ones.

The current National Doctrine of Education Development, the National Doctrine of Development of Physical Education and Sports and the National Youth Policy Doctrine will be directed at implementation of this Concept. To achieve the objectives of the National Youth Policy Doctrine it is necessary to develop and approve the Strategy of Promoting Social Formation and Development of Young People in the respective years. And in order to implement the priority areas of the Strategy, one should adopt the respective programs, for example the Program for Provision of Young People with First Workplace, the Program for Provision of Young People with Affordable Housing, the Program for Improvement of Young People’s Living Standards etc.

**Conclusions of the research.** Disordered state strategic planning documents are among the reasons for the low efficiency of the policy in the field of social formation and development of young people. The following hierarchy of strategic documents of the state policy in the field of social formation and development of young people has been suggested: the Concept of Human Development of Ukraine → the National Youth Policy Doctrine → the Strategy of Promoting Social Formation and Development of Young People in the respective years → Programs oriented on implementation of the Strategy. Scientifically justified generation and full-scale implementation of the system of strategic documents of the state youth policy should become the basis of government support of young people’s integration into the life of society.