

Peer Review

Review of: "Creating a Child-Centered Playroom for Marshallese Children"

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I appreciate the opportunity to review this paper. As stated in it, the Marshallese population in the USA faces a singular situation of trauma and pain. The metrics of mental disease among this population are an urgent call to attend to them and provide as much care as possible.

My overall impression of the article is positive. The literature review focuses on the main topics addressed in the text, and the description of the resources applied is relevant. I have some suggestions in order to improve the text, in case the authors want to follow them:

- The first paragraph (starting "The Marshall Islands") seems too complex to understand. It flies from one idea to another. I am aware of the inherent difficulties of beginnings (I am a terrible writer of first paragraphs myself). Here, the writing moves from the Marshall Islands into the migration reasons, the lack of research, and finally a mention of this population's "unique needs" (without any further explanation). I would recommend the authors go back to it and slow down a bit. It would be helpful if they can add a brief roadmap that guides the reader about the main sections and aims of the article.
- In the "Marshallese" section, the sentence "Subsequent research on the Marshallese population has been criticized for ethical concerns regarding informed consent" is somehow confusing. Once again, I would slow down and explain what the problem with informed consent was during this period.
- The sentence "There is an increase in the writing of creating culturally inclusive playrooms" (Section Child-Centered Group Play Therapy) is confusing. Could a slight rephrasing make it clearer?
- I truly regret the interruption of this nurturing therapy due to COVID-19. However, the gap between the planning of the intervention and the implications seems too harsh. I feel that something is missing, even if it is an explanation about this same interruption.
- The paragraph listing the implications is too long. Being this a core section of the article, highly relevant for the readers, I lose its thread too easily and miss an anchor, or a visual structure, in case I

need to go back. It could be improved by presenting these implications as bullet points (or any other possibility that breaks the paragraph into its implications).

Once again, thank you for paying attention to this community with such care and respect.

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