

Reviewer comment-2

I like this research and think it contributes to the literature. Since this is the Journal of Social Welfare and Policy, I think the authors make a case for policy frame and implications of their findings. I think the lit review needs to describe the socio-economic factors experienced by Indigenous people that contribute to the mental illness. There is an older study (of course, I can't think of the authors) but it is about the mental health (ADHD and ODD, as I recall) of kids that went down following Casino payments. As a result, the moms had less stress too. Then, in the discussion section, I think the authors need to argue how socio-economic issues could be addressed by any number of interventions - workforce development, a basic income, eligibility for programs, Casino money, other things - that would help reduce the mental illness. I think the authors need to be bold and make a case that a history of structural inequality (that is a policy choice and could be fixed) contribute to Indigenous women's depression. I do not want to be too prescriptive about how the authors could address the need for the social, economic, and policy frame as I trust the authors to know best.