

RESPONSES TO REVIEWERS' COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Reviewer-1	AUTHOR RESPONSES
This manuscript is highly relevant and current topical issue with current administration policies impact families, separation of families and individual children in their migration process. Timely citations in current administration reflecting concerns about health, mental health and well-being of children. Explanation of terms and grounding of terms in social work and present implementation of policy. I think the article is even handed in its review of the plight of UMCs and how this issue is being blundered by the current admin. It is an critique piece, as the title suggests, and it does exactly that. Would be a great article to publish as a review (high citation probability) and its timeliness, I think, is a huge asset. Excellent tables, data and time periods (12 years – ie multiple administrations, 2012 Obama, Trump, Biden) Feels like a dissertation “background and scope” turned into a first journal article. Which, is excellent of course, and really has been reviewed and very well edited.	We greatly appreciate Reviewer’s encouraging, kind comments
So, in light of this analysis I do think that this article is FRONT heavy, lots of background, analysis etc and very little done to transition the cut off of the B&S into an article. I think the sections: “Implications for Policy, Practice, and Advocacy” and “Conclusion” need to be revised and have citations added. These portions are out of sync with the rest of the paper in this sense.	We appreciate the reviewer’s suggestion to revise and better connect “Implications for Policy, Practice, and Advocacy” and “Conclusion” to the rest of the paper. Consequently, we linked the information of these sections to the content of the paper, and did a substantial number of suitable citations used in the other sections of the manuscript. We also revised and expand the conclusion. See page 25-29

Reviewer 2	
In today' s controversies regarding immigration. Educating the public as well as social work and other human service professionals on the plight of children who are unaccompanied needs more attention. The manuscript is well organized. The sections are appropriate and sub headings are quite specific regarding the content and discussion. There is excellent documentation via relevant and current references. This is a well written manuscript which contains relevant content and context. The use of related policy and implications for professionals is a useful and encouraging contribution to the subject of services for children and youth who experience family and community situations which are followed by efforts to migrate to other geographic locations.	We highly value Reviewer 2's supportive and positive feedback.