# Review 1

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## Review of “The Impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences on the Life Course: A Case Study Using _The Haunting of Hill House_ (2018)”

**for *BCPHR Journal (Formerly HPHR)*, completed on Jul 13, 2024**

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## Overview questions

*only editors will see response*

### Overall rating

★★★★★

### For this manuscript I recommend...

Revise and resubmit

### Comments to editor

Very unique and well-written piece. Discusses ACEs( adverse childhood experiences) and how they lead to a multitude of adverse health issues, from chronic health issues, mental health issues, alcohol and substance abuse, and premature death. Then creatively, the paper applies issues of ACEs, developmental theories of trajectories/transitions/major life events to the show Haunting House, as an effective illustration of ACEs. It enumerates the need for ACE prevention strategies for all children and adolescents, and a holistic approach that focuses on the biological, psychological, genetic, epigenetic, and environmental influences that can permeate childrens’ lives. It can benefit from more statistics related to ACEs (brown, black, lgbtq+, and other identities) as well as insertion of some photos from the show for those readers who have never seen it.

## Rating scale questions

| | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly Agree |
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| Is the professionally written, easy to read and free from grammatical or spelling errors?<br>*intended for the author* | | | | | ✔ |
| The literature review was thorough given the objectives and content of the article.<br>*intended for the author* | | | | ✔ | |
| The paper makes a significant contribution to scholarship.<br>*intended for the author* | | | | ✔ | |

## Open response questions

Is the content of this article appropriate for this journal -- e.g. covers health equity, public health, social justice, and/or intersection of these topics?

*intended for the author*

Quite appropriate for the journal, as it focuses on health equity as it relates to ACEs, adverse childhood experiences. It can do a better job at discussing social justice and intersectionality issues related to ACEs. For instance, what is the research for BIPOC, LGBQT+, refugee/immigrant communities and ACES? A discussion of these will make it more suitable for the journal.

Answer the following: What is the clarity and coherence of the author's(s') argument(s)? Quality of Empirical Evidence? Balance?

*intended for the author*

Very clear and cogerent paper. Clearly articlates the desire to discuss ACES and ACE prevention by examining the case study of the Haunting House. Acknowledges that while this may seem a bit farfetched, it nonetheless takes a

serious approach to discussing relevant public health issues related to childhood and adolescent developmental and behavioral trajectories, transitions, and major life events.

Discuss the piece's implications for research, policy, and/or practice:

*intended for the author*

Some discussion as to how ACE and ACE prevention strategies can be further implemented into practice. May benefit from additional examples of where this is successfully accomplished or where it is a dismal failure and can benefit from revamping.

Comments to Author/Points the Author Should Consider to Strengthen Article:

*intended for the author*

It can benefit from the following:

1. Broadened discussion and insertion of statistics related to ACEs (brown, black, lgbtq+, and other identities)
2. Insertion of some photos from the show for those readers who have never seen it as well as coupled to brief analyses from the text
3. Additional figures or images that might bring the paper to life (e.g. photos from ACE literature, ACE prevention literature, bio-psycho-social models, etc.)
4. Include a more robust discussion of additional research, policy, and practices for ACES and ACE prevention strategies.

# Review 1

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## Review of "The COVID-19 Stimulus Bill –Inclusion of the Medicaid Reentry Act is Critical to Justice-Involved Individuals"

**for *BCPHR Journal (Formerly HPHR)*, completed on Feb 8, 2021**

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## Overview questions

*only editors will see response*

### Overall rating

★★★★★

### For this manuscript I recommend...

Revise and resubmit

### Comments to editor

Great, timely article that can be strenghtened with more citations and careful explanation and extensions in key areas.

## Rating scale questions

| | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly Agree |
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| Does the article adequately engage relevant scholarly literature? *only editors will see response* | | | | | ✔ |
| Is the professionally written, easy to read and free from grammatical or spelling errors? *only editors will see response* | | | | ✔ | |

| | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly Agree |
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| The research methodology for the study is appropriate and applied properly.<br>*only editors will see response* | | | ✔ | | |
| The literature review was thorough given the objectives and content of the article.<br>*only editors will see response* | | ✔ | | | |
| The paper makes a significant contribution to scholarship.<br>*only editors will see response* | | | | | ✔ |

## Open response questions

Please note the importance and timeliness of the submission topic:

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The first two paragraphs are very well written and engaging. This manuscript adds to the literature in important ways given the recent actions taken by Congress and the plight of the COVID pandemic within prisons and jails. Reentry and decarceration are key tenets influencing the significance of adopting what this manuscript suggests.

Is the content of this article appropriate for this journal?

*only editors will see response*

Yes–excellent fit and will appeal to a broad readership.

What is the clarity and coherence of the author's(s') argument(s)?

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Reasonably clear. Some areas and concepts are explained more clearly than others. A slighlty improved literature review and greater incorporation of citations (hyperlinks) will aid in enhancing clarity and coherence.

Please comment on the quality of the empirical/qualitative evidence and/or theory/ies referenced in the submission:

*only editors will see response*

Yes. The claims can be better substantiated via inclusion of more empirical research, etc.

Describe whether or not the article had appropriate/accurate, logical, and balanced presentation of the evidence used:

*only editors will see response*

Yes–great but there are minor gaps and some absent key elements, such as mentioning race and class disparities.

Discuss the organization, language and flow of the article:

*only editors will see response*

This is a highly accesible article that is engaging although improvements can be made so as to enhance readability as well as coherence through minor edits and additions.

Discuss the piece's implications for health, policy, and/or practice:

*only editors will see response*

Significant and very timely plus a critical topic now more than ever given the pandemic and reentry and decarceration strategies.

Comments to Author/Points the Author Should Consider to Strengthen Article:

*intended for the author*

Overall, a critical article on a very urgent area relevant to publis health policy and practice.

It would be helpful to review the article with an eye towards writing for an audience familiar with Medicaid and/or reentry and attendant health effects.

Then review with an eye of someone with no background. What is critical to include regarding reentry, incarceration and COVID? You make no mention of racial disparities or structural racism. This seems key and much recent work is available.

It may be helpful to add more hyperlinks for the ease of the reader. When in doubt, add a link, even if to a general BJS report or data webpage.

Did you consider using any figures or tables–either created or borrowed? This may be quite helpful. What wuold help fresh eyes to understand the phenomena at hand?

The first two paragraphs are very well written and engaging. This manuscript adds to the literature in important ways given the recent actions taken by Congress.

Important article. Might you add some information related to race, class, gender and justice-involved individuals? You underscore the health challenges and comorbid conditions, but it may be opportune to discuss the growing aging populations in prison; women as the most increasing category; structural racism, etc. Nancy Krieger and Zinzi Bailey have some good articles around incarceration and structural racism and economic deprivation.

Also, nearly 95% of those incarcerated will return to communities—highlighting the significance of reentry as a critical and inevitable period across the criminal justice continuum.

You may want to contextualize or summarize The COVID-19 Stimulus Bill.

Great that you reference 1115 Medicaid waivers.

The last paragraph can be expanded. Efficiency is mentioned but what is the benefit of federal involvement in terms of rights and other factors? Why shouldn't states be local laboratories of experimentation in this instance.

Potentially helpful resources:
https://www.healthaffairs.org/do/10.1377/hblog20200418.296283/full/ (https://www.healthaffairs.org/do/10.1377/hblog20200418.296283/full/)

Guyer, Jocelyn, Serafi, Kinda, Bachrach, Deborah, Gould, Alixandra. State Strategies for Establishing Connections to Health Care for Justice-Involved Populations: The Central Role of Medicaid. Issue brief (Commonwealth Fund). 2019;2019:1-12.

https://www.shvs.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Justice-Involved-Populations-QA-Updated-9-12.pdf (https://www.shvs.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Justice-Involved-Populations-QA-Updated-9-12.pdf)

Treat the introduction and conclusion as bookends. Introduce key concepts and tell the reader what h/she will read. Lead the reader through the body. Then for the conclusion, remind the reader what they just read and its significance.

As an attachment, I include your word document with some track changes and comments. This is an important piece but perhaps review some recent, similar reports and articles and identify gaps you may have and then also strategically choose what you would rather exclude.

## Reviewer attachments

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