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Paper Goals: I need for this paper to be proofread for correct spelling and grammar, punctuation.

Proofing Summary:

Hello Lyndon,

Thank you for submitting your persuasive essay draft. I really enjoyed reading your discussion of the pitfalls of foster care.

Strengths:

Your overall topic and position are evident. I think you've also put together a great deal of potentially useful information here. Take this and get to revising--good start!

Suggestions:

- Essay Structure
- Developing Ideas

Begin revisions by establishing a more clear essay structure. What are your points in support of your claim? Make this explicit in your thesis statement. Be direct: "Florida is a great place to visit because of the beaches, culture, and weather, though some claim it is too hot." Here, the reader knows I'm going to have one paragraph on the beaches, one on culture, one on weather, and a counter-argument paragraph on it being too hot. You need something as streamlined as this, and then you should base an outline off of it. Literally write down a map of your essay using these thesis points so that you stay on track, and make it clear from the first sentence of each paragraph what topic that paragraph takes on.

Once you have your structure in place, work on development. Note that your introduction should be a bit more concise, just leading the reader into your topic. Try to remain academic and objective throughout, and end your introduction with the newly-revised thesis statement (see above). This should all fit on the first page. You can also examine body paragraph length throughout, making certain that you develop them in a way that prioritizes concision and clarity. Lastly, choose a citation style so that you can properly cite your sources; this can greatly affect your development and authority.

I see that you're concerned with your grammar and mechanics, and indeed I've included several notes on issues ranging from subject-verb agreement to sentence structure. However, I'd advise you to get your structure straightened out first, and then turn to proofreading. Remember that the Writing Center doesn't proofread papers, but rather guides you to a better understanding of the writing process. Thus, only the first instance of issues that are pointed out have been explained. You might join a live session with a tutor for extra help with grammar:
<http://bit.ly/SNHUOnlineWritingCenter>.

If you would like to submit a revision of your paper, you are welcome to do so. We look forward to helping you succeed!

SHOULD CHILDREN WITH BEHAVIOURAL PROBLEMS BE PLACED IN FOSTER CARE

Behavioural problems in children ranges from inability of children to have satisfactory relationship with peers and parents, inability to learn which cannot be explained by sensory, intellectual or health factor; a consistent inappropriate type of behavior under normal condition, and a displayed pervasive mood of unhappiness or depression. Behavioural problems could make children run away from homes, engage in social crimes and when it is not taken care of the child could live with emotional and psychological trauma. Behavioural problems cause a lot of sorrow, pains, torture and agony to children, their parents and families, and even to the society. This is the major reason children with behavioural issues should be well taken of. Placing children in foster care have not done any better to remedy these problems in children; rather it has even worsened their situations. Imagine a child who has problems in behavior and is placed in foster care by the parents because the parents think it is the best solution to their child's behavioral problems; then one day the parents come visiting only to find out that their child has some bruises on his body, is more emotionally retarded, and has more psychological problem than ever before; the parents make complains, they are told it is nothing that with time their child will adapt, they believed the foster care givers and still left them with their child; then finally this child runs away due to the abuse he receives from the foster care to live on the streets and in a bid to survive he starts to indulge in petty theft and other social crimes; and if it is a girl she could be sexually abused and molested all through her life on the streets. This is not the kind of life we want for our children, it is not the kind of life the government planned for the society, and this can be corrected if children are given alternative care other than foster care. If children with behavioural problems are placed in foster care their behavioural problems will worsen because

Decide which paper style you're working with, as they each have specific formatting requirements. All of them, though, require that you indent your paragraphs.

Begin your proofreading process by looking for issues relating to subject-verb agreement and the need to indicate plurality. Also, note that this is not the correct spelling in American English.

Continue your search by seeking out issues of verb form/tense. Is this the form you meant to indicate? Also, in formal writing, avoid instructing the reader. Instead, just make and support statements.

You use semicolons correctly in some places (to join independent clauses). Be sure you do this in all instance, but use these sparingly. You want to vary your sentence construction. In addition to not instructing the reader, you should also not include him/her. In other words, avoid "we, us, our, your, you" in academic writing.

foster care givers are not adequately trained on how to care for children with behavioural issues and many children who are placed in foster cares are abused and neglected more than they were in their families.

If you only have two thesis points, then this works! However, your introduction should be just one concise paragraph, and it (thesis and all) needs to fit on the first page. You might cut some of the material you have now, making it more direct and less informal.

To prove the above statement, it is crystal clear that majority of foster care givers are not adequately trained because of the ways they talk to and treat the children in their care. Studies have found that many care givers are usually handle children in cold and authoritarian manner which can make the child feel depressed and worsen his/her behavioral issues; this statement is based on a research carried out in Netherlands by (Angenent et al. 1991). Foster care givers do not also have knowledge parental styles, anger management techniques and behavioral management strategies. There have been cases of abuse and neglect of children in foster care as well; this was confirmed by a statement made by Time magazine in 200 which said that "the foster care system itself has been widely regarded as a national disgrace due to a laundry list of complaints, abuse, missing children, and even deaths of children in care (Time Magazine 2000). Sexual abuse and educational neglect is a trending situation in the foster care system. Carpenter et al. in the year 2001 after his research on sexual abuses in foster care exclaimed that being in foster care has been associated with high-risk sexual behavior and increased pregnancy rates (Ensign and Santelli (1997) also found in their sample that 12.7 was the average age of youth in foster care's first time engaging in sexual intercourse and that 69 % were sexually active before the age of 15. We all know that sexual abuse at tender age destroys the future of children and make them prone to early pregnancies; this is what the foster care system is doing to our children, turning them into child prostitutes, disrupting their bright future and also making them a disgrace to their families. All these sexual abuses will definitely not happen if alternative care are given to children with behavioral issues. Children in foster care are also prone to poor

You begin this paragraph with a reference to your first thesis point. Nice work! Keep an eye out for places where you may be missing words, such as articles (the, a, an).

You seem to have the right idea with in-text citations, but note that if the author is part of the actual "spoken" sentence, it shouldn't be in parentheses.

According to Smith,

You indicate "None" for paper style, but I advise you to pick a style so that you're sure you're doing your in-text citations correctly. This is not the format for APA or MLA because you should cite the author or work, not the publication.

In an issue related to formality, avoid referring to the reader this way. For instance, your reader does not have children.

educational performance, and many researchers have proven this to be true. An overall studies have reported that the educational achievements level of foster children is low with studies reporting between one third to 67% (estimated at 170,000 - 345,000) of foster children functioning below grade level. (Fanshel et al. 1990; Pasztor et al. 1986; Zimmerman 1982). Another study also found that two thirds of youth in foster care repeated one or more grades during their educational career and only 39% ever completed the 12th grade (Zimmerman 1982).

However, many people are of the view that the foster care system has competent staffs who receive several trainings on different fields at some intervals. To prove their claim, a training conducted by Eddy J.M and Chamberlin on family management was cited in which Participants in the intervention group received 16 weeks of training, supervision and support in behavior management methods. Another training research was also claimed to have being conducted in which strategies for avoiding power struggles, managing peer relationships and improving success at school were also included (Reid & Eddy, 1997). It may be true that these researches are true and factual, but my question is 'how effective are these training on the ability of foster parents to handle children with behavioral issues'? It is one thing to have a theoretical knowledge of something, and it is another thing to know how to apply it in real life situations. Some studies have reported that although care givers may have training in behaviour management techniques, many have difficulty applying the skills effectively and consistently (Murray et al, 2010). For example, one study (Farmer et al, 2009) found that most care givers when interviewed about addressing problematic behavior were able to name and explain effective strategies. However, when asked how they actually respond to problematic behavior at home, 80 per cent of care givers reported using other less effective strategies. So while their theoretical knowledge was of a high standard, they did not apply it practically. Another research

Is this a counter-argument or another point in support of your argument? Be sure that your thesis points (supporting and counter) are all laid out in the thesis statement at the beginning of your work.

This is a verb, but not a noun. Which word did you mean to use here? In formal writing, you should also limit questions, even if you're referring to them being your own questions. Just make and support statements with your evidence and analysis instead.

carried out in 2015 to find out whether it is best to place children in foster care found out that in many contexts foster care is under-resourced and poorly managed, and this can place children at risk (Family for Every Child 2015).

Another point which supports the placement of children with behavioral issues in foster care is that it prevents children from falling victims of social vices and crimes. The proposers of this point are of the view that by placing children in foster home they are given shelter which

See my note on the previous page. Remember that if you lay out points A,B,C in your thesis, you'll have points A,B,C explored here in the body.

otherwise they would have been on the streets or in a family where they are abused. They also

are of the view that the cause of many behavioural problems of children is as a result of abuse and neglect from parents, friends or relatives and the resultant effect of this is that the children might be forced to run away from home to live on the streets with peers or a total stranger which

One way to improve your writing is to review the order of words in each sentence. Are all sentences as direct as possible? Could this one benefit from some reworking?

could result to criminal behaviors such as; petty theft, substance abuse, prostitution and sexual exploitation in order to survive on the streets (Farmer and Pollock 1998), so by placing them in foster care they are protected from these dangers, liberated and given hope of a brighter future.

Review your preposition choice here.

You can use a comma to set off a dependent clause that offers clarity, which is the case here.

Foster care greatly benefits most children and is more beneficial to children than institutional care (Zeanah et al. 2003). In one study it was found that foster care children did not differ from matched family children in their well being, self esteem or incidence of depression and behavior problems (Farruggia et al. 2006). Factors cited that promote favorable outcomes of foster children include education, future orientation, family support, peer influence and religion (Edmond et al, 2006). The outcomes of 149 reunified children were compared to outcomes of children who remained in foster care. The reunified children showed more self destructive behaviours, substance use, internalizing behaviours and total behavior problems and lower total competence than children who remained in foster care (Taussig et al, 2001). They also cited a Swedish study which compared more than 22,000 former foster children with their age-matched

Recall that a semicolon joins independent clauses, or whole sentences. Beginning a sentence with "So" makes it seem incomplete, as this is better suited to be a coordinating conjunction in the middle of a sentence.

peers; the result was that the former group had fourfold to fivefold higher risk of hospitalizations for suicide attempts, five to eight times more likely risk of psychiatric disorders, and excess risks for psychosis and depression (Vinnerljung et al. 2006)

Placing children with behavioral problems in foster care will expose them to risk of sexual abuse, neglect, emotional torture and depression. Separating children from their biological parents could be depressing and heartbreaking as children will not easily adapt to an environment where all they see is unfamiliar faces and in most cases unfriendly faces. The foster care system is prone to increasing and adding to the behavioral problems of children even if the child previously did not exhibit such problems especially in cases where there are placement changes (Newton et al. 2000). The inexperience qualities of foster care givers are threat to the healing of the behavioral problems in children; no one can take care of a child more than the mother, father, siblings and family relatives. From past records, placing children with behavioral issues in foster care has done more harm than healing them, it has caused more depression than amending them, it has caused more children to run away into the streets and into harm's way due to the unfavorable environment of the foster care system than protect them as it claimed it would. It has these children to be exposed to crimes, sexual abuse, neglect, maltreatment and a disrupted future; instead of giving them hope of a brighter future, it has made them think that there is no way they have a more happier future. These are reasons children with behavioral problems should rather be placed with families instead of been placed in foster care, because the foster care will never provide them the adequate help they need.

Are these your thesis points? They seem to be clearly stated here. Could you do the same at the end of your introduction, so that you set up the essay effectively?

Once you restate your thesis, sum up your points here. This should all be wrap up and your own ideas, so no analysis is needed in the conclusion.

Good return to your main point! Keep looking for places where you have extra text not needed to convey your points.

You also need a References list or Works Cited page, depending upon which style you choose. This is important, so the reader can see where you got your information.

