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Why Research Integration?

- Influx of unaccompanied children to the U.S.
- Little research exists on this topic
- Significance of the youth's perspective

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Objectives

Findings related to successful integration, resilience, and well-being for children and youth receiving services through the network.

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Background Research

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Methodology

- Qualitative interviews of former youth, care givers, and case managers
 - Interview protocol and questions based on themes drawn from our review of literature
- Quantitative surveys of partner programs
 - Written surveys to compliment and expand upon qualitative themes

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Factors toward successful integration

- Youth Strength
- Case Management
- Community Setting
- Educational System
- Legal System
- Family & Relational Support

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Case Management

- Characteristics
 - Cultural Sensitivity
 - Accessible
 - For youth...and caregivers
- Responsibilities
 - Empowerment
 - Advocacy
 - Resource Broker



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Community Setting

- Safety
- Access to Key Service Providers
- Recreational and Extracurricular Activities
- Cultural Community

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Educational System

- Supportive Adults
- Integrative Programming
- Diversity
- Mental Health
- Assessments



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Legal System

- Legal Counsel
- Immigration Process
- Geographic Location
- Legal Status



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Family & Relational Support

- Caregiver Preparation
- Commitment and Consistency
- Support Networks
- Peers



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Youth Strengths

- Coping Skills
- Goals
- Self Awareness
- Helping Others



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Recommendations

- Expand funding and access to medical and mental health services for all youth
- Expand funding and access to legal and educational services for all youth
- Expand funding and access to case management services for all youth
- Additional research on evidence-based practices and models for case management, caregiver preparation and support, and agency service models

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