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Artist Statement:

Most people know about the injustices within detention centers. However, the effects of these facilities on children's health is usually left under the radar. My brochure not only mentions how detention centers harm children's mental health but physical and emotional health as well. Learning about subjects as diverse as Black Lives Matter, social justice issues, racial injustice and gun violence, my artwork visually and verbally shows the heartbreaking circumstances that migrants are in.

The main purpose of my brochure is to educate immigrant families about the inhumane conditions within detention centers. I think an informational brochure is the best option for my audience because pictures say more than enough. In addition, a brochure is easy to distribute and grabs the attention of the reader. Brochures hold a lot of relevant information and are easy for anyone to read. I have created this brochure to further educate immigrant families and others about the circumstances their family members or friends might be in. I expect my audience to be educated and spread awareness after reading my brochure. In addition, I hope my brochure allows others to be able to cope with their child's health in the future. I think they might know about the circumstance in detention centers but not the damages these facilities have on children. They will be flabbergasted and horrified once they find out that these damages harm a child's future in the long run. My informational brochure relates to my annotated bibliography by having the same subject matter. They both mention the long and short term effects that detention centers have on children. I was able to add only the most important information onto the brochure. For my brochure, I used images from google that really stuck out to me. If I felt emotional after viewing an image, I knew it would also make my audience feel sympathy. Overall, I enjoyed making this project because it is a very emotional topic.

Since immigrant families are minorities, I would assume that they have little to no knowledge about how family separations affect children especially since it is not acknowledged. Families may not know why their child may act the way they do after being separated by them. The emotional tone of my work is calm but professional. My choice of words were easy to read but formal at the same time. Through my project, immigrant families will be aware of how a child's emotional distress can harm them. Immigrant families will have the opportunity to interact and talk to other families outside the detention environment. More importantly, my brochure will have a very positive effect on the emotional and social wellbeing of immigrants.