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**Response 1**

Children are dependable on adults for every basic necessity that includes health care. Although it’s the birthright of every citizen to have health care and other facilities yet most of the people lack all of these. Children face lots of barriers in accessing basic healthcare. According to the statistics, 23% of the US population are children below 18 and there are 7.13 million families who have more than two kids that are under 18 living in the household. Moreover, 30%-80% of children come in foster care and more than 80% of them lack basic healthcare facilities and are subjected to violence and abuse (CARE, 2015). Another key factor that is currently of major concern is the ethnicity of the child. Mostly Hispanic and black children are prone to chronic diseases that include asthma, cancer and, many more as compared to white children. This is the key barrier that makes the children more vulnerable (Purnell, & Fenkl 2019). Furthermore, there are many programs and private organizations that work on providing mental care to the children yet they are not fully transparent. Thus these issues need to be addressed to make the future of our children secure.

**Response 2**

Children are considered vulnerable population when it comes to healthcare. There are many children who are not even able to get the prevention vaccinations which is a major concern. Also, during war or any natural disaster children suffer more because they have weak immunity system and prone to chronic diseases. Although the US government has developed a plan that ensures child protection yet there are many children that still lack these facilities like healthcare insurance (Agnihotri, & Aruoma 2016). Another alarming issue that have arisen in the past few years are the parents discouraging and not approving the use of vaccines that are essential for preventing chronic diseases. While talking about the challenges face by children to get the healthcare facility there are a group of children that need special care are often neglected. These special children needs more care, attention, and a properly structured system to meet their daily needs (Jarrell & Kang 2018). Thus our healthcare system still needs improvements and a proper system to protect all children.

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