Reviewer's report

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1. See report attached. I am not reporting any revisions.
2. Readability is fine, and the topic is highly relevant for researchers and practitioners, judges, and social workers, or any setting delivering parenting intervention programs.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare I have no competing interests, and do not know the authors.
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