

Overview of Annual Research Topics/Literature Review

November 2021

Upcoming Events

John Burton Advocates for Youth. Webinar. December 10, 2021. 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Invest in the Nest: Strengthening Families Through the New CA Prenatal Benefit for Foster Youth

Link to Webinar Information:

<https://jbay.org/events/invest-in-the-nest/>

Link to Webinar Registration:

https://youthlaw.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_NmVSBYvvTX6VrCFLho1-FQ

Adult Welfare

AARP. November 19, 2021. Kenneth Terrell. House Passes Budget Bill That Could Improve Medicare. The articles discuss legislation passed that could boost the quality of life for older Americans and their families.

Link to Article:

<https://www.aarp.org/politics-society/advocacy/info-2021/build-back-better.html>

AARP. November 23, 2022. John Waggoner. Social Security COLA Set at 5.9 Percent for 2022. The article discusses rising prices results in the largest cost of living adjustment to Social Security in four decades.

Link to Article:

<https://www.aarp.org/retirement/social-security/info-2021/cola-set-for-2022.html>

Child Welfare

John Burton Advocates for Youth. November 1, 2021. Resources for Expectant Parenting Foster Youth.

Link to Publication:

<https://jbay.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Resources-for-Expectant-Parenting-Foster-Youth-JBAY-Nov-2021.pdf>

CalMatters.org. November 3, 2021. Cathy Senderling-McDonald, Guest Commentary. California Must Provide Resources, Support for Youth in Crisis. The article discusses youth being housed in a county office because no other options were available.

Link to article:

<https://calmatters.org/commentary/2021/11/california-must-provide-resources-support-for-youth-in-crisis/>

John Burton Advocates for Youth. November 10, 2021. The Publication is a Financial Aid Guide for California Homeless Youth. The resources, the publication explains is for students and professionals, to take the mystery out of applying for aid.

Link to Publication:

<https://jbay.org/resources/financial-aid-guide-for-ca-homeless-youth/>

John Burton Advocates for Youth. November 11, 2021. 2020-21 Statewide Analysis of Supportive Housing for Former Foster Youth in California.

Link to Publication:

<https://jbay.org/resources/2020-21-supportive-housing-for-ffy/>

John Burton Advocates for Youth. November 12, 2021. Financial Aid Guide for California Foster Youth. The guide provides information on benefits available along with a step-by-step guide.

Link to Publication:

<https://jbay.org/resources/financial-aid-guide/>

John Burton Advocates for Youth. November 10, 2021

Link to Guide:

<https://jbay.org/resources/financial-aid-guide-for-ca-homeless-youth/>

School House Connection. November, 2021. Student Homelessness: Lessons from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey Part X. Pregnancy Rates of High School Student Experiencing Homelessness.

Link to Publication:

<https://schoolhouseconnection.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/YRBS-Part-X-Pregnancy.pdf>

Drought

National Drought Mitigation Center. Drought Update November 2021.

Link to report:

<http://drought.unl.edu/>

Cal Matters. November 18, 2021. Rachel Becker. Four San Joaquin Valley Plans Deemed Inadequate. The article advises that State Officials warn some of the state's most powerful and largest agricultural districts that their over pumping could hurt local communities drinking supplies.

Link to article:

<https://calmatters.org/environment/2021/11/groundwater-plans-inadequate/>

Health

Calmatters.org. November 8, 2021. Emily Hoeven. Are California's Vaccine Rules Making Inequality Worse. The article explores whether the strict California Vaccine rules will end the pandemic that has disproportionately ravaged communities of color; or widen those disparities?

Link to article:

<https://calmatters.org/newsletters/whatmatters/2021/11/california-vaccine-mandate-inequality/>

Calmatters.org. November 10, 2021. Hannah Getahun. Covid Misinformation Plagues California's Indigenous Speakers. The article advises that Health Official have tried to reach out to hundreds of thousands of people speaking Mixteco and other indigenous languages, barriers remain leaving them vulnerable to Covid.

Link to article:

<https://calmatters.org/health/coronavirus/2021/11/covid-indigenous-language-barriers/>

New York Times. November 15, 2021. Soumya Karlamangla. How Bad Could California's Corona Virus Surge get? The article discussed that after the numbers going down in the summer, they are beginning to tick up. Because 76% of California has had at least one shot, they expect the results to be less ruinous.

Link to article:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/11/15/us/california-winter-coronavirus-surge.html>

Fresno Bee. November 22, 2021. Fauci Says he Hopes Single Booster will do the Job. The article discusses the hope that the booster will not need a supplement every 6 – 12 months. He explained this is being looked at carefully.

Link to article:

<https://eedition.fresnobee.com/html5/reader/production/default.aspx?pubname=&pubid=d64a689b-eac4-46b5-b76a-4f687dbdd21f>

NPR.org. November 11, 2021. Jonathan Franklin. All Adults Can Get a Covid Vaccine Booster in California, Not Just Those CDC listed. The article advises that the Public Health Official state that all fully vaccinated adults in California should be eligible to get a booster.

Link to article:

<https://www.npr.org/2021/11/11/1054851431/california-adults-covid-vaccine-booster>

Immigration

CNN.Com. November 6, 2021. Jason Hoffman & Devan Cole. Biden says Families Separated at the Border Under Trump Deserve Compensation for Outrageous Immigration Policy. The Biden administration believes those who lost a child coming over the border should receive a cash settlement.

Link to Article:

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/11/06/politics/biden-immigrants-payments-zero-tolerance/index.html>

National Law Review. November 5, 2021. Proposed DACA Rule from DHS Seeks to Codify Program. The article advises that the Department of Homeland Security intends to codify the DACA Program.

Link to Article:

<https://www.natlawreview.com/article/proposed-daca-rule-dhs-seeks-to-codify-program>

Fresno Bee. October 10, 2021. Nadia Lopez. California Low Wage Workers no Longer Have Covid Paid Sick Leave. The article advised that a California Law that provided employees with extended paid time off during the pandemic has expired.

Link to article:

<https://www.fresnobee.com/news/local/article254875742.html>

Poverty

Cato.org. November, 2021. Michael D. Tanner. Cato's Project on Poverty and Inequality in California. The report offers 24 proposals for reform at the federal, state, and local levels.

Link to final report:

<https://www.cato.org/sites/cato.org/files/2021-10/California%20Project%20Final%20Report.pdf>

Cal Matters. November 4, 2021. Emily Forschen. Is New Support the Key to Success for Formerly Incarcerated Community College Students? The article discussed a new law which provides 10 million dollars to programs that support formerly incarcerated Community College Students.

Link to article:

<https://calmatters.org/education/higher-education/college-beat-higher-education/2021/11/california-community-colleges-formerly-incarcerated-students/>

Cal Matters. November 4, 2021. Jesse Bedayn. New Study Finds Millions of Workers are Functionally Unemployed. The article explains that 7.5 percent of California are unemployed; but the study finds a far larger portion of the state are struggling to find full time employment.

Link to article:

<https://calmatters.org/california-divide/2021/11/unemployment-study-finds-millions-of-workers-are-functionally-unemployed/>

Cal Matters. November 2, 2021. Dan Walters. SF Tests States Will on Housing Crisis. The article discusses San Francisco rejecting a 495-unit apartment project, this rejection is being tested tied to arbitrary blockage of housing developments.

Link to article:

<https://calmatters.org/commentary/2021/11/sf-case-tests-states-will-on-housing-crisis/>

Fresno Bee. November 22, 2021. Yesenia Amaro. Fresno County Workers say Speak out on Low Wages. The article cites workers who say their wages are so low that they receive public assistance.

Link to article:

<https://edition.fresnobee.com/html5/reader/production/default.aspx?pubname=&pubid=d64a689b-eac4-46b5-b76a-4f687dbdd21f>

Pension

CalPERS Government Page. November 15, 2021. CalPERS Board Selects New Asset Allocation for Investment Portfolio, Keeps Discount Rate at 6.8%. The article explains these actions were taken to protect the long-term success of Cal Pers.

Link to article:

<https://www.calpers.ca.gov/page/newsroom/calpers-news/2021/calpers-board-new-asset-allocation-keeps-discount-rate-at-six-point-eight-percent>

Fresno Bee. November 16, 2021. Wes Venteicher. Many California Public Employees to Pay More for Pensions as CalPERS lowers Earning Target. The article advises that public employees to pay more for pensions because CalPERS lowered earning target.

Link to article:

<https://www.fresnobee.com/news/california/article255854026.html>