

**CCASSC**  
**Overview of Annual Research Topics/Literature Review**  
**May, 2018**

**Upcoming Events:**

Annual Indian Child Welfare Act Training. June 4 – 6, 2018. Location: Rohnert Park, California.

<http://www.gratonrancheria.com/docs/Registration-2018-ICWA.pdf>

**Adult Services:**

Los Angeles Times. May 15, 2018. Melissa Healy. Dementia and Gun Ownership. The article discusses gun ownership by people diagnosed with Dementia.

<https://www.pressreader.com/usa/los-angeles-times/20180515/281736975099779>

**Child Welfare**

Chapin Hall. Policy Brief on the Disproportionate Number of LGBTQ Youth Who Face Homelessness.

<https://www.chapinhall.org/wp-content/uploads/VoYC-LGBTQ-Brief-FINAL.pdf>

LA REAP. May 1, 2018. Letter detailing a new program to address pregnancy among foster youth in partnership with the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation.

<http://thpplus.org/wp2/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/LA-RHEP-Launch-Press-Release-4.30.18-Embargoed.pdf>

Los Angeles Times Op Ed. May 10, 2018. Vivik S. Sankaren. Rushing Foster Kids into Quick Adoptions is not Always in Their Best Interest. The article discusses current adoption policy and makes an argument that adoption may not be the best choice for all foster youth.

<http://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-sankaran-adoption-20180510-story.html>

Fresno Bee. May 20, 2018. Barbara Anderson. Children Exposed to Violence at Home Suffer Emotional Scars that can last for Decades. The article discusses the long term impact of children's exposure to domestic abuse.

<http://www.fresnobee.com/news/special-reports/domestic-violence/article211351014.html>

### **Adult Services**

Fresno Bee. May 18, 2018. John Walker. From a Fairy Tale to a Dark Place – One Woman’s Descent into Domestic Violence. The article provides an overview of Lisa Casarez and her journey as a domestic abuse victim to a survivor.

<http://www.fresnobee.com/news/special-reports/domestic-violence/article211438709.html>

### **Drought Implications**

Drought Update below for May, 2018

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

### **Health**

San Diego Union Tribune. May 3, 2018. Paul Sisson. Assemblyman Todd Gloria Asks for State Audit of San Diego’s Hepatitis A Emergency. Assemblyman Gloria is asking for an Audit to determine if San Diego’s response was by the book.

<http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/health/sd-no-gloria-hepa-20180503-story.html>

San Diego Union Tribune. May 3, 2018. Caltrans Union Files Grievance Over Homeless Camp Cleanups. The article explains that the grievance was filed because picking up human waste and hypodermic needles is not within their job description.

<http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/public-safety/sd-me-caltrans-grievance-20180502-story.html>

Los Angeles Times. May 15, 2018. Is State Staring Down a Deadlier Opioid Threat? The Article discusses Fentanyl. Fentanyl comes in a white powder; is 50 time stronger than Heroin. The substance is responsible for thousands of deaths nationwide and is showing up in cocaine and methamphetamine.

<https://www.pressreader.com/usa/los-angeles-times/20180515/281496456931203>

Los Angeles Time. May 29, 2018. Karen Kaplan. US Birthrate has Hit another Record Low. Even Women in the 30's are Having Fewer Babies. Article discusses the trend of fewer babies born in the United States.

<http://www.latimes.com/science/sciencenow/la-sci-sn-record-low-birth-rate-20180517-htmlstory.html>

### **Immigration Social Welfare**

Independent. May 8, 2018. Andrew Buncombe. Trump Border Crackdown, to Increase Separation of Families as a Migration Deterrent. The article discusses the crackdown will increase the number of separated families.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/border-wall-mexico-migration-deterrent-kirstjen-nielsen-donald-trump-jeff-sessions-a8340456.html>

Los Angeles times. May 8, 2018. Gustavo Solis. Transgender Migrants Hope to Find Haven in US. Article discusses of 225 asylum seekers coming from Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador, 20 are Transgender, and have seen violence, forced into sex work.

<https://www.pressreader.com/usa/los-angeles-times/20180508/281771334824264>

Los Angeles times. May 21, 2018. Molly Hennessy-Fiske. An Overwhelming day in Border Court. Article explores how busy these courts have become and parents wondering where are their children.

<https://www.pressreader.com/usa/los-angeles-times/20180521/281586651256240>

Washington Post. May 29, 2018. Amy B. Wang. The US Lost Track of 1475 Immigrant Children Last Year. The article discusses why people are outraged.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-nation/wp/2018/05/27/the-u-s-lost-track-of-1500-immigrant-children-last-year-heres-why-people-are-outraged-now/>

### **Poverty**

Los Angeles Times. April 30, 2018. Anh Do. Santa Ana to Sue Thirty Three Orange County Cities over Homeless Burden. Officials in Santa Ana moved to take legal action against 33 Orange County Cities in their effort to address homelessness.

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-oc-homeless-lawsuit-20180426-story.html>

California State Auditor Report. April 19, 2018. Report is on Homelessness in Los Angeles and California. Report makes recommendations that a single entity should be over homelessness.

<https://www.auditor.ca.gov/reports/2017-112/summary.html>

Wall Street Journal. May 4, 2018. Josh Mitchell. U.S. Jobless Rate Falls Below 4%, First Time Since Late 2000. The article discusses unemployment dips below 3.9%; it further discusses that wage growth remains sluggish.

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/u-s-adds-164-000-jobs-in-april-unemployment-falls-to-3-9-1525437126>

Los Angeles Times. May 11, 2018. David A. Super. A GOP Bill that Dismantles Food Aid. Article discusses the inhumane nature of the bill, and that it promotes measures to deny assistance to the poor.

<https://www.pressreader.com/usa/los-angeles-times/20180511/281719795223063>

Los Angeles Times. May 19, 2018. Noam N. Leavey. Kaiser to Focus on Homelessness. Article discusses that Kaiser intends to invest 200 million in homelessness community efforts across the nation.

<https://www.pressreader.com/usa/los-angeles-times/20180519/281603831122671>

## **California Pension**

Sacramento Bee. May 9, 2018. Adam Ashton. California Teachers Pension Fund to Pressure Gun Retailers. Article discusses CalSTRS is putting pressure on gun retailers to not sell assault weapons.

<http://www.sacbee.com/news/politics-government/the-state-worker/article210803839.html>

Sacramento Bee. April 22, 2018. Dan Walters. Sales Tax on Your Local Ballot. California's Pension Ballot May have Nominated it. Article explores unfunded gaps in California's Pension Plans.

<http://www.sacbee.com/opinion/california-forum/article209303974.html>