

# Overview of Annual Research Topics/Literature Review February 2026

## Upcoming Events:

**NAPSA Conference – November 16, 18, 2026. Austin Texas**

**Link to Registration and Information.**

**<https://www.napsa-now.org/annual-conference/>**

**CFPIC Training – March 9, 2026, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM & March 10, 2026, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Cal AIM in Practice for Children, Youth & Families.**

**Link to Registration:**

**[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rRSw1DwRDFMm9iTwIMR\\_LdVGKfA9FAPu/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rRSw1DwRDFMm9iTwIMR_LdVGKfA9FAPu/view)**

## Adult Welfare:

**Los Angeles Times, February 4, 2026. Statewide Human Trafficking Crackdown Led to Hundreds of Arrests, L.A. Authorities Say. The Article advised that 14 Children and 156 adults were rescued from sex trafficking.**

**Link to Article:**

**<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2026-02-03/lasd-human-trafficking-operation>**

**Justice In Aging. February 4, 2026. Mitigating the Harms of Medicaid Work Requirements for Older Adults: Tools for State Advocates.**

**Link to article/tools:**

**<https://justiceinaging.org/mitigating-harms-medicaid-work-requirements-template-letter/>**

**Cal Matters. February 18, 2026. Joe Garcia. Mental Health – 5 Things We Learned by Spending Time in Los Angeles Senior Centers. The article explored findings from Senior Centers in Los Angeles.**

**Link to Article:**

<https://calmatters.org/health/mental-health/2026/02/senior-centers-what-we-learned/>

**Child Welfare:**

**Los Angeles Times, February 4, 2026. Statewide Human Trafficking Crackdown Led to Hundreds of Arrests, L.A. Authorities Say. The Article advised that 14 Children and 156 adults were rescued from sex trafficking.**

**Link to Articles.**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2026-02-03/lasd-human-trafficking-operation>

**Cal Matters. February 9, 2026. Edgar Zazueta. Tax Dollars Should Fund Children’s Education, Not Attorneys’ Fees in Child Sex Abuse Cases. The article explored what was a moral imperative; turned into a fiscal emergency, draining California’s public schools of funds meant for students.**

**Link to Article:**

<https://calmatters.org/commentary/2026/02/sex-abuse-schools-attorney-fees/>

**Cal Matters: February 17, 2026. Carolyn Jones. California Schools Face a new Budget Hit: Soaring Insurance Costs After Sex Abuse Lawsuits. The article discusses the impact the state law that lifted statute of limitation on sex abuse lawsuits, which have driven a huge increase in payouts by school districts and government agencies.**

**Link to Article:**

<https://calmatters.org/education/2026/02/sex-abuse-california-2/>

**Los Angeles Times. February 24, 2026. Guest Contributor, Naomi Schaefer Riley. Americans are Coming to Their Senses About Child Safety and Drug Using Parents. The commentary features Michele Lujan Grisham, Governor of New Mexico who said she should not have signed the state’s 2019 Comprehensive Addition Recover Act.**

**Link to Commentary:**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2026-02-24/americans-are-coming-to-their-senses-about-child-safety-drug-using-parents#:~:text=Americans%20are%20having%20a%20few,Earlier%20this%20month%2C%20Gov.>

### **Immigration:**

**Cal Matters. February 3, 2026. Deborah Brennan. Newsom Blasts Trump Administration's Immigration Crackdown; Touts California's Drug Enforcement Efforts. The article highlights the work of Edward Flores, whose research demonstrates the impact of immigration raids on the California economy.**

**Link to Article.**

**<https://calmatters.org/politics/2026/02/newsom-trump-immigration-drugs/>**

**Cal Matters. February 20, 2026. Wendy Fry. California Expanding Services for Immigrants Amid Trump's Deportation Push. The article discusses California's continued support of legal defense for immigrants facing deportation despite a tight state budget and projections calling for deficits.**

**Link to Article:**

**<https://calmatters.org/justice/2026/02/immigrant-legal-defense-budget/>**

**Cal Matters. February 23, 2026. Renee Bartlett-Webber. Why These California Counties are Directorly Funding Immigrant Legal Defense Amid Trump's Crackdown. The article discusses California's history of funding immigrant legal defense against deportation for a decade. Now, the article advises cities and counties are kicking in money. Too.**

**Link to Article:**

**<https://calmatters.org/justice/2026/02/city-immigrant-legal-defense/>**

### **Poverty:**

**Cal Matters. Khadeejah Khan. February 24, 2026. One in Ten Cal State Students Face Homelessness. This Emergency Housing Program Helps. The article explains that Rapid Rehousing operates at most public universities and about a quarter of community colleges, helping thousands of students facing homelessness and housing insecurity.**

**<https://calmatters.org/education/2026/02/california-college-emergency-housing-cal-state/>**

**Other:**

**Los Angeles Times. February 9, 2026. Demand for Citizenship Proof Alarms State Employees. Khari Johnson. The article discusses the mandate, which is tied to federal funding, health department says and affects 4,000 workers.**

**Link to Article:**

**[https://enewspaper.latimes.com/desktop/latimes/default.aspx?token=42e23962a5d74614be16bae3d62d13e7&sfmc\\_id=6529c81c3ed79c24f88384b8&utm\\_id=44008855&skey\\_id=7f3fec9b608e958d11dd2f058a9323ff74f05cc79b1995f802ecfaa5a97b75b9&utm\\_source=Sailthru&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=ENP-email-Subs-eNewspaper-202629&utm\\_term=eNewspaper+Daily+Notify&edid=0ac03c89-84c0-45d5-8a57-d9e2a462ff4b](https://enewspaper.latimes.com/desktop/latimes/default.aspx?token=42e23962a5d74614be16bae3d62d13e7&sfmc_id=6529c81c3ed79c24f88384b8&utm_id=44008855&skey_id=7f3fec9b608e958d11dd2f058a9323ff74f05cc79b1995f802ecfaa5a97b75b9&utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ENP-email-Subs-eNewspaper-202629&utm_term=eNewspaper+Daily+Notify&edid=0ac03c89-84c0-45d5-8a57-d9e2a462ff4b)**