

Overview of Annual Research Topics/Literature Review

March 2024

Upcoming Events:

John Burton Advocates for Youth. 2024 CA Foster Youth Education Summit. April 15 & 16 in Sacramento. The summit will provide professionals and individuals with lived experiences emerging trends and best practices to support the education success of youth in foster care. There will also be a student program where they can learn public speaking, networking and how to share their voice with adults at the conference.

Link to Event:

<https://www.cafosteryoutheds Summit.com/registration-information>

John Burton Advocates for Youth. April 26, 2024. From 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Turning Dreams into Degrees. This one-hour training is intended for facilitators who are already familiar with the full-length training.

Link to Registration:

<https://jbay.org/events/turning-dreams-into-degrees-2024-updates/> -

NAPSA. Annual Conference. September 16-19, 2024, Albuquerque New Mexico Annual Conference.

Link to Conference:

<https://www.napsa-now.org/save-the-date-for-the-2024-annual-conference/>

Adult Welfare:

New York Times - Justice in Aging. March 16, 2024. Paula Span. When Medicaid Comes for the Family Home. The article explores the Medicaid estate recovery means surviving family member may have to sell the home of a loved one to repay Medicaid, or the state may seize the property.

Link to Article:

<https://justiceinaging.org/newsroom/when-medicaid-comes-for-the-family-home/>

Child Welfare:

Los Angeles Times. February 22, 2024. McKenzie Mays. California Bill Proposes New Standards for Court-Ordered Parenting Classes After Times Investigation. The article advised that California could impose new standards for parenting classes; tied to legislation meant to address the lack of regulations for services often required for people suspected of child abuse.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2024-02-22/california-new-standards-for-court-ordered-parenting-classes-child-abuse-legislature>

TAY Hub – Transition Age Youth – Research and Evaluation Hub. February 2024. Anthony Gómez, MSW & Mark Courtney, PhD. Employment and Earnings Outcomes Among Transition-Age Youth in Care. The research explores higher unemployment rates and lower earnings tied to Transition Aged Youth.

Link to Research:

<https://ccwip.berkeley.edu/tay/articles-memos/TAY-Hub%20Employment%20and%20Earnings%20Outcomes%20-%20Report%202.14.24.pdf>

BNN Breaking News. March 3, 2024. Bijay Laxmi. Santa Clara county Invites Allegedly Abusive parents to Kids Interviews. The article discusses children recanting and concerns regarding the safety of children.

Link to Article:

<https://bnnbreaking.com/courts-law/law/santa-clara-countys-controversial-child-interview-policy-sparks-outrage-among-social-workers>

Los Angeles Times. March 12, 2024. Shantay Armstrong. Opinion Piece. How to Prevent Black Kids from Getting Stuck in Foster Care. The opinion piece discussed solutions that included removing obstacles to Black Families becoming Foster Parent, and targeted campaigns.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2024-03-12/black-foster-care-adoption#:~:text=State%20and%20federal%20governments%20should,parents%20and%20children%20are%20well>

Youth Today. March 11, 2024. Maria Zeigler, Guest Opinion Essay. Newsom's About Face Raises Homelessness Risks for California's Oldest Foster Care Youth. The Opinion piece discusses Newsom's plan to cut 18.8 Million of rental and health subsidies would put 3,000 18–21-year-olds in foster care at increased risk for homelessness.

Link to Opinion Piece:

<https://youthtoday.org/2024/03/newsoms-aboutface-raises-homelessness-risks-californias-oldest-foster-care-youth/>

Drought:

Los Angeles Times. March 24, 2024. Editorial Board. Los Angeles may not get another wet winter for a while. We should prepare for drier times. The Opinion Piece discusses the importance of preparing for drier times.

Link to Opinion Piece:

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2024-03-24/california-rain-drought>

Health:

Los Angeles Time. March 11, 2024. Jenny Gold. More Parents Delaying Kids Vaccines Posing Risk to Toddlers. The article discusses concerns of pediatricians that vaccine-hesitant parents are delaying their child's measles-mumps-rubella shots.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2024-03-11/parents-delaying-kids-vaccines-posing-risk-to-toddlers#:~:text=At%20his%20Orange%20County%20pediatric,%2Drubella%2C%20known%20as%20MMR.>

Los Angeles Time. March 13, 2024. Older Californians Now Eligible for Another Covid 19 Vaccine. The article advised that the Department of Public Health is recommending Californians 65 years or older should receive a Covid Booster.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2024-03-13/older-californians-now-eligible-for-another-covid-19-vaccine-dose#:~:text=For%20older%20adults%20who%20got,Health%20said%20in%20a%20statement.>

Los Angeles Time. March 25, 2024. Saad B. Omer. How Should We Deal with COVID Now? The article discusses current isolation and return to normal activities recommendations.

Link to Opinion Piece:

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2024-03-25/covid-vaccines-cdc-rules-paxlovid#:~:text=These%20interventions%20include%20increasing%20indoor,air%20conditioning%3B%20and%20installing%20ultraviolet>

Poverty:

CalMatters: March 22, 2023. Marisa Kendall. The Feds Want to Study Giving Cash to Renters. Will Californians Be Included? The article discusses, HUD wants to see what happens when you give cash directly to renters, instead of traditional vouchers.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/housing/homelessness/2024/03/california-renters-federal-cash/>

Los Angeles Times. March 22, 2024. Doug Smith. A Federal Judge Orders a Sweeping Outside Audit of L.A. Homeless Programs. The article explained the audit is part of a settlement with the LA Alliance for Human Rights, who alleged the city and county had failed in their duty to address homelessness.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2024-03-22/la-city-officials-agree-to-an-outside-audit-of-homelessness-programs>

Los Angeles Times. March 22, 2024. Melissa Gomez. In Kern County, An Abandoned Church Gets a Second Life as Housing for Former Foster Youth. The

Housing Authority saw potential in an abandoned church in Oildale and over two years converted it into Housing for Former Foster Youth.

Link to Article.

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2024-03-11/kern-county-oildale-church-foster-youth-affordable-housing>