

Overview of Annual Research Topics/Literature Review March 2025

Upcoming Events:

John Burton Advocate for Youth. 2025 California Foster Youth Education Summit. April 7-8, 2025. Hyatt Regency Orange County, California.

Link to Education Summit:

<https://www.cafosteryoutheds Summit.com/>

Adult Welfare:

Cal Matters. February 19, 2025. Courtney E. Martin. Elders and Caregivers in California Deserve Better than Funding Hurdles and Shuttered Programs. This article is part of California Voices, a commentary forum aiming to broaden understanding of the state and spotlight Californians impacted by

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/commentary/2025/02/adult-day-care-medicaid-cuts/>

Justice in Aging. February 2025. Federal Cuts to Medicaid Will Harm Older California on Medi-Cal. Information Sheets.

Links to Information Sheets:

<https://justiceinaging.org/federal-cuts-to-medicaid-will-harm-older-californians-on-medi-cal/>

<https://justiceinaging.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Federal-Cuts-to-Medicaid-Will-Harm-Older-Californians-on-MediCal.pdf>

Child Welfare:

Los Angeles Times. March 29, 2025. James Queally. After Baby's Fentanyl Death, L.A. Prosecutors Accuse Mom and Grandpa of Murder. The article explains, the death was ruled accidental. The death was a result of the grandfather using fentanyl; which caused the death. The article discussed this is precedent setting as only one other case has been filed for murder against parents or guardians whose drug use had fatal consequences for children.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2025-03-29/baby-fentanyl-death-murder-charges>

Casey Foundation. February 2025. How Can Child Protection Agencies Address the Immigration Needs of Non-Citizen Children in Foster Care? The paper includes strategies for working with this population.

Link to Research:

<https://www.casey.org/media/25.07-QFF-SC-Addressing-immigration-needs.pdf>

Health:

Cal Matters: March 06, 2025. Kristen Hwang. California is Spending Billions on Mental Health Housing. Will it Reach Those Most in Need? The article discusses Governor Gavin Newsom wants to see tangible results from the \$6.4 billion mental health bond voters approved last year. Moving fast carries a risk of neglecting under-resourced communities.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/health/mental-health/2025/03/mental-health-housing-bond-spending/>

Immigration:

Cal Matters: March 04, 2025. Suhauna Hussain. California Lawmaker Seeks to Expand Protections for Temporary Migrant Workers. The article explores a bill called "Human Trafficking Prevention and Protection Act for Temporary Immigrant Workers.

Link to Article

<https://www.latimes.com/business/story/2025-03-04/california-lawmakers-seek-to-improve-protections-for-temporary-migrant-workers>

Cal Matters: March 31, 2025. Nigel Duara. Raid or Rumor? Immigration Sweeps Change Life in Central Valley. Rumors of immigration raids are changing life from Modesto to Bakersfield, with attendance down in the Fresno Diocese and some families afraid to go outside.

Link to Article:

[Raid or rumor? Immigration sweeps change life in Central Valley - CalMatters](#)

Poverty:

Cal Matters: March 10, 2025. Marisa Kendall. How California Homeless Programs are Helping People Get Fit and off the Streets: 'It is the Bike' The article discussed San Diego having biking and San Francisco having run, these programs host workout groups specifically for homeless Californians.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/housing/homelessness/2025/03/california-homeless-exercise/>

Cal Matters: March 18, 2025. Ana B. Ibarra. California's Medi-Cal Shortfall Hits \$6.2 Billion with "Unprecedented' Cost Increases.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/health/2025/03/medi-cal-shortfall-worsens/>

Cal Matters: March 12, 2025. Lauren Helper. California Considers More Homeless Shelter Oversight After Cal Matters Investigation. The article explained that State Lawmakers will debate a bill to require annual inspections, a new complaint process and harsh penalties for local governments that do not file mandatory reports.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/housing/homelessness/2025/03/homeless-shelter-oversight-bill/>

Los Angeles Times. March 30, 2025. Editorial, Carla Hall. To Understand Homelessness, Listen to Homeless People. Here's What I learned. The article explores the author's discussions with homeless people and what she took away from the discussions.

Link to Editorial:

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2025-03-30/los-angeles-homelessness-listening-to-the-unhoused>

Cal Matters: March 26, 2025. Amy Elisabeth Moore. Applying for CalFresh Food Aid is Complicated. California Colleges are trying to make it easier. The article explains two-thirds of college students experience food insecurity; as a result many campuses have started helping them apply for CalFresh.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/education/higher-education/college-beat/2025/03/california-colleges-calfresh-food-insecurity/>

Other Topics:

Cal Matters: March 3, 2025. Alexei Koseff. Return to Office: Newsom Orders California State Workers Back Four Days a Week. The article advised that this order would take effect on July 1, 2025.

Link to Articles:

<https://calmatters.org/politics/2025/03/california-employees-remote-work/>

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2025-03-03/newsom-orders-state-workers-return-to-the-office>