

Overview of Annual Research Topics/Literature Review March 2026

Upcoming Events:

CWDA Annual Conference. October 14-16 Anaheim, California. CWDA 100: A Century of Impact.

Link to Registration – Not currently available.

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

Link to Registration and Information.

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

Adult Welfare:

Cal Matters. March 3, 2026. Rhonda Lyons. She Director \$2.7 Million From Her Elderly Clients to Her Husband's Company. The Judge Approved Every Penny. The article explained that lawmakers created the Professional Fiduciaries Bureau to monitor self-dealing in the industry. Twenty years later, it explained that the bureau's inaction in one case showed how conflicts of interest can continue for years with little consequence.

<https://calmatters.org/investigation/2026/03/california-conservatorship-conflicts/>

Child Welfare:

CalMatters: March 11, 2026. Cayla Mihalovich. California's Foster Care System is Buckling Under the Weight of this Unexpected Cost. The article explores the infrastructure of the California Foster Care System that is collapsing and reforms for sexual abuse survivors in the foster care system are contributing.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/justice/2026/03/foster-care-insurance-crisis/>

CalMatters: March 20, 2026. Matt Drange. State Finds ‘Systemic’ Failures in How a California School District Handles Sex Abuse Allegations. The article advised that Attorney General Rob Bonta issued reforms for the El Monte Union High School District after an investigation found “system” failures in its handling of staff sexual misconduct allegations.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/education/k-12-education/2026/03/sex-abuse-california-3/>

Health

Cal Matters. March 2, 2026. Marisa Kendall. Newsom threatens California Counties for Failing to Use His New Mental Health Court. The article advised that far fewer people with mental illness are getting help in Governor Newsom’s CARE Court program. The Governor blames local governments for shortcomings.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/health/mental-health/2026/03/newsom-threatens-counties-care-court/>

CalMatters: March 12, 2026. Marisa Kendall. Ten Projects from Newsom’s Mental Health Bond were Supposed to open in 2025. That Did Not Happen. The article discusses projects that were to offer mental health and substance use care to foster youth, new mothers, unhoused people in California have been delayed or cancelled.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/housing/homelessness/2026/03/prop-1-update/>

Immigration:

Cal Matters. March 9, 2026. Kristen Hwang. California Cut Health Care for Undocumented Immigrants. One Lawmaker Wants it Back. The article discusses California Democrats introduce legislation to restore Medi-Cal for income qualifying residents. This includes undocumented Immigrants.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/health/2026/03/durazo-reverse-medical-undocumented-immigrants/>

Los Angeles Times. March 24, 2026. Andrea Castillo. United States Judge Orders Return of DACA Recipient Who Was Departed to Mexico. On Monday, a Federal Judge order the return of a DACA Recipient.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/politics/story/2026-03-24/federal-judge-orders-return-of-california-daca-recipient-deported-to-mexico>

Poverty:

CalMatters. March 5, 2026. Kristen Hwang. Trump's Medicaid Work Mandate Could Kid Thousands of Homeless Californians off Coverage. The article explains that approximately 180,000 people experience homelessness and have health insurance through Medi-Cal. Providers predict many will not retain insurance under this administration's upcoming work mandates even if they qualify for exemptions.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/health/2026/03/homeless-health-work-rules-medical/>

Cal Matters. March 9, 2026. Ben Christopher. California has 40,000 Affordable Housing Unites Ready to Break Ground. One Setback is Holding Them Up. The article discusses funding as the hold up.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/housing/2026/03/affordable-housing-bottleneck/>

Other:

CalMatters. March 20, 2026. Wasim Ali. If California Forces State Workers to Commute, It Passes up \$225 Million in Savings. Can We Afford That? The article discusses data that showed that teleworking eliminated 1.08 Billion commuter miles.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/commentary/2026/03/state-workers-commute-telework-california/>