

# Overview of Annual Research Topics/Literature Review

April 2024

## Upcoming Events:

**John Burton Advocates for Youth. October 28, 29, 2024. 2024 Advocates for Youth Conference.** The conference focuses on workshops by professional with an aptitude for supporting foster youth to graduate college, ready to thrive in the 21 Century.

**Link to Conference Information:**

<https://jbay.org/events/2024-blueprint-conference/>

**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:

**US News. April 12, 2024. Dennis Thompson. Pandemics Effect in Isolating Older American May Not be Over.** The article explains that half of older adults still spend more time at home and less time out socializing in public, even though the pandemic has passed, researchers found.

**Link to Article:**

<https://www.usnews.com/news/health-news/articles/2024-04-12/pandemics-effect-in-isolating-older-americans-may-not-be-over>

## **Child Welfare:**

**CalMatters. April 2, 2024. Anna Ibarra. Foster Kids Miss Out on sport and Music. A New California Plan Aims to Help Them Catch Up. The article discusses a proposal from the Newsom Administration that could provide money to Foster Children with the greatest needs, funds would be set aside for the to pursue their passions.**

**<https://calmatters.org/health/2024/04/foster-care-payments/>**

**Legislative Analyst's Office. April 2, 2024. Update: Racial and Ethnic Disproportionalities and Disparities in California's Child Welfare System. The report tackles racial and ethnic disproportionalities and disparities at all levels of the child welfare system; more pronounced for youth in care.**

**Link to Report:**

**<https://lao.ca.gov/handouts/socservices/2024/Child-Welfare-Disparities-040324.pdf>**

**US News. April 2, 2024. Associated Press. Texas Fined \$100,000 Per Day for Failing to Act on Foster Care Abuse Allegations. The article discussed Texas is being fined \$100,000 a day by a federal judge for neglecting investigations into abuse and neglect raised by child in their foster care.**

**Link to Article:**

**<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/texas/articles/2024-04-16/texas-fined-100-000-per-day-for-failing-to-act-on-foster-care-abuse-allegations>**

**Office of Justice Programs. Released April 2024. Amy Farrel, Meredith Dank, Katherine Kaufka Walts, Callie Hansson, Andrea Hughes, Chlece Neal. Understanding the Trafficking of Children for the Purposes of labor in the United States. The research sought to understand the Trafficking of Children for the Purposes of Labor in the United State.**

**Link to Document.**

**<https://www.ojp.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/308903.pdf>**

**Center for Health Care Services, in Partnership with Casey Family Programs. April 24, 2024. How Can Child Protection Agencies Collaborate to Prevent Foster Care and Support Family Well-Being? This brief is a summary of key strategies and lessons learned by stakeholders. The brief illustrates on child protection agencies and partners work to meet family needs and prevent placement. The five involved jurisdictions include California, Kentucky, New Jersey, Ohio, and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.**

**<https://www.casey.org/prevention-collab-overview/>**

**Drought:**

**Los Angeles Times. April 2, 2024. Ian James. Amid Above Average Snowpack, Newsom Urges Focus on State Water Resilience and Adaption. The article discusses the governor's new water plan and priorities for how the state captures, stores, and moves water, including efforts to replenish groundwater and recycle waste water.**

**Link to Article:**

**<https://www.latimes.com/environment/story/2024-04-02/newsom-releases-new-california-water-plan#:~:text=The%20plan%20calls%20for%20accelerating,to%20provide%20clean%20drinking%20water.>**

**Los Angeles Times. April 15, 2024. Hayley Smith. Los Angeles's Water Supplies are in Good Shape. But is the City Ready for the Next Drought? The article discussed the need for Los Angeles to maintain conservation and to prepare for dry times ahead.**

**Link to Article:**

**<https://www.latimes.com/environment/story/2024-04-15/is-l-a-ready-for-the-next-drought>**

## Immigration:

**Los Angeles Times: April 4, 2024. Rebecca Santana. Border Patrol Must Care for Migrant Children Who Wait in Camps for Processing, a Judge Says.** The article explains that the ruling means that Homeland Security must quickly process the children and place them in facilities that are “safe and sanitary.”

**Link to Article:**

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2024-04-04/border-patrol-must-care-for-migrant-children-who-wait-in-camps-for-processing-a-judge-says#:~:text=Migrant%20children%20who%20wait%20in%20makeshift%20camps%20along%20the%20U.S.,treatment%2C%20a%20judge%20has%20ruled.>

## Poverty:

**CalMatters. April 1, 2024. California May Gut Two CalWORKS Programs Helping Thousands of Families.** The Article advises that the state is considering zeroing out funds for CalWORKS family stabilization and job subsidy programs.

**Link to Article:**

<https://calmatters.org/california-divide/2024/03/calworks-cuts/>

**Los Angeles Times. April 2, 2024. Andrew Khouri. California is Building Fewer Homes. The State Could Get Even More Expensive.** The article discussed the high interest rates and their impact on building.

**Link to Article:**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2024-04-02/california-is-building-fewer-homes-the-state-could-get-even-more-expensive#:~:text=In%20the%20single%2Dfamily%20market,relatively%20robust%20in%20recent%20years.>

**Los Angeles Times. April 9, 2024. Opinion Story. Kate Gale. I Was Homeless in College. California Can Do More for Students Who Sleep in Their Cars.** The Opinion Piece discusses California having an unhoused population of 181,000 people. It went on to discuss 1-5 college students are Unhoused and the colleges can do more to help.

**Link to Opinion Piece:**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2024-04-09/california-college-homeless-students-cars>

**Los Angeles Times. April 9, 2024. Mackenzie Mays. State Audit – California Fails to Track Homeless Spending – Billions of Dollars. The article discusses the state has not tracked its spending while concurrently the unhoused numbers soar.**

**Link to Article:**

**<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2024-04-09/state-audit-california-fails-to-track-homeless-spending-billions-dollars>**