

Overview of Annual Research Topics/Literature Review May 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:

AXIOS. May 11, 2026. Russel Contreras. Suburban Poverty Traps America's Senior Citizens. The article discusses suburban-heavy counties in Arizona, California, Florida, and New York report large populations aged 65 + that are below the poverty line.

Link to Article:

<https://www.axios.com/2026/05/11/poverty-america-seniors-suburbs-homeowners>

Child Welfare:

CalMatters. May 21, 2026. Carolyn Jones. Feels Like Erasure, Why Native American Students May be Undercounted by 90% in California Schools. The article advised that Native American students who also identify as another race, such as Black, White, or Asian, are counted as “two or more races: not Native American.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/education/k-12-education/2026/05/native-american-students-california-2/>

Health

CalMatters: May 5, 2026. Ana B. Ibarra. They Answer the Call for Californians in Mental Distress. The Money is Running out. The article discussed California's mobile crisis teams have surged in popularity as an alternative to police response; a budget move could undo progress.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/health/2026/05/mental-health-crisis-response-budget/>

CalMatters: May 14, 2026. Ana B. Ibarra. Trump Officials Hit California with 'Largest Ever' Freeze on Medicaid Funds. The article discusses the administration is freezing over \$1 Billion in Medicaid funds from California's Home Health program, citing fraud concern the state says are unsupported by evidence.

Link to Article:

[Trump officials hit California with 'largest ever' freeze on Medicaid funds - CalMatters](#)

Immigration:

Los Angeles Times. May 20, 2026. Katie King. Immigrant Rights Advocates Rally for More State Healthcare Funding, Criticize Newsom. The article discusses Immigrant Rights and health Advocates rallied at the State Capitol to protest Gov. Gavin Newsom's plan to scare back Medi-Cal access for undocumented residents.

Link to Article.

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2026-05-20/immigration-advocates-rally-for-more-state-healthcare-funding-criticize-newsom-two-groups-rally-at-capitol-to-push-for-more-healthcare-funding>

Poverty:

CalMatters: May 6, 2026. Marissa Kendall. Whoever Takes the Mantle as California's Next Governor will Face an Immediate Test as they Try to Solve the Crisis of Homelessness on our Streets. CalMatters, in partnership with the Steinberg Institute, sought to interview the eight top-polling candidates for governor on these crucial themes.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/politics/2026/05/ca-governor-candidates-homelessness/>

CalMatters: May 7, 2026. Lauren Hepler & Marisa Kendall. Did Newsom's \$3.8 Billion Hotels-to-Housing Program Pay Off? We Filed 100 Records Requests to Find Out? The article discussed Homekey made producing housing simpler; but it came at a cost.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/housing/2026/05/newsom-homekey-records/>

CalMatters: May 8, 2026. Marissa Kendall. Where Does California Rank in Homelessness? The Federal Report that could Tell Us has been Delayed. The article discusses the federal government releases a report that reveals the number of homeless residents in each state across the country. It went on, it is now May and the report that has data from the homeless census known as the “point-in-time count.” Is nowhere to be found.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/housing/homelessness/2026/05/homelessness-report-delayed/>

Los Angeles Times: May 9, 2026. Spencer Pratt said ‘Super Meth’ is Helping Fuel Los Angeles’s Homeless Crisis. What is that? The article author argued that drug abuse has been ignored as a factor when attempting to address the city’s homelessness crisis.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2026-05-09/spencer-pratt-la-homeless-super-meth>

Western Center on Law & Poverty. May 15, 2026. Analysis of Governor Newsom’s May Revision of California’s 2026-2027 Budget. The analysis focused on balancing its budget on Hunger, Poverty, and Immigrant exclusion as their focus concern.

Link to Article:

<https://wclp.org/may-revision-analysis-statement-2026-2027-budget/>

California Budget and Policy Center. May 2026. First Look: Understanding the Governor’s 2026-27 May Revision Revised Budget Proposes Common-Sense Revenue Solutions Yet Continues to Leave California’s Exposed to Unprecedented Federal Cuts.

Link to Article:

<https://calbudgetcenter.org/resources/first-look-understanding-the-governors-2026-27-may->