

Overview of Annual Research Topics/Literature Review July 2026

Upcoming Events:

CWDA Annual Conference. October 14-16, 2026, Anaheim, California. CWDA 100: A Century of Impact.

Link to Registration – <https://www.cwda.org/event/cwda-2026-annual-conference>

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

Link to Registration and Information.

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

Adult Welfare:

USC Today. July 13, 2026. Leigh Hopper. Dementia Risk Factors Look Different Around the World, Large USC Study Finds. The research explores risk factors such as low education, high blood pressure and smoking vary widely; one size fits all approach to prevention will not work.

Link to Research:

<https://today.usc.edu/dementia-risk-factors-look-different-around-the-world-large-usc-study-finds/>

Child Welfare:

Imprint News. July 1, 2026. Jeremy Loudanback. California Lawmakers Reach Deal to Help Adoptive Children Returning From Out of State Facilities. Last summer, California ended the practice of using taxpayer dollars to send children adopted from foster care to out-of-state mental health treatment programs, an action that addressed a troubling discrepancy. The article says the children still have problems receiving mental health services in their states.

Link to Article:

<https://imprintnews.org/top-stories/california-lawmakers-reach-deal-to-help-adoptive-children-returning-from-out-of-state-facilities/275670>

Chapin Hall. July 2026. Brook DePetrillo, Yasmin Grewal- Kok, Donna L Wilson & Olivia Wilks. Literature Review. Best Practices for Supporting African American Families and Preventing Child Welfare Involvement.

Link to Article:

https://www.chapinhall.org/wp-content/uploads/Chapin-Hall_African-American-Literature-Review_July-2026.pdf

Health

Los Angeles Times. July 24, 2026. COVID-19 is on Upswing in California. How Bad Will it Get This Summer? The article discussed COVID 19 is on the upswing in California and across a swath of the West and the South.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2026-07-24/covid-19-seasonal-summer-uptick-california>

Immigration:

Los Angeles Times. July 29, 2026. Ruben Vives. More than 24,000 Immigrant Children Could Lose Legal Representation as a Federal Contract Expires. The article discusses a government contract that pays nonprofits to provide legal assistance to children in immigration proceedings expires July 31, 2026.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2026-07-29/24-000-migrant-children-could-lose-legal-representation-as-contract-is-set-to-expire>

Poverty:

CalMatters. July 08, 2026. Marisa Kendall. Therapy in a Tent: The Healthcare Many Homeless Californians Need But are not Getting. The article indicates that Doctors, Nurses, and Clinicians who with people on the street estimate 80-90 percent of their patients have mental health conditions.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/housing/homelessness/2026/07/street-therapy-homelessness/>

CalMatters. July 2, 2026. Marisa Kendall. Judge Shoots Down trump's Homeless Funding Shift: 'The Hallmark of Unreasoned Decision Making' In a legal win for California, a federal judge rejected President Trump's efforts. The article discussed it being a legal win for California.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/housing/homelessness/2026/07/trump-homeless-funding-judge/>

CalMatters. July 10, 2026. Ben Christopher. Here is What the 'Once-in-a-Lifetime' Federal Housing Bill Means for California. The article advises the federal housing bill does a lot of little things. Its supporters hope it will put a dent in California and the nation's housing shortage.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/housing/2026/07/road-housing-california-federal/>

Los Angeles Times. July 15, 2026. Margaret Olmos, Guest Contributor. California Schools are on the Frontlines of Fighting Homelessness. Now they have Funding. The article advised California included \$116 million in its new budget to help identify and support students experiencing homelessness.

Link to Commentary:

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2026-07-15/homeless-students-california-schools>

Other Areas of Interest:

CalMatters. July 27, 2026. Adam Ashton. California Pension Ruling Limits How Many Vacation Hours Workers Can Count for Retirement. The article discusses a new California Supreme Court ruling that upholds limits on how many vacation hours government workers can cash out and apply toward the pension formulas.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/politics/2026/07/california-pension-vacation-cashouts/>