

Overview of Annual Research Topics/Literature Review August 2025

Upcoming Events:

County Welfare Directors Association (CWDA). Annual Conference October 8-10, 2025, Santa Clara, California.

Link to Registration

https://cwdaconference.org/Registration_2025

32nd Annual California ICWA Conference. October 28-30, 2025. Pechanga Resort Casino, Temecula, California.

Link to Registration:

<https://caltribalfamilies.org/save-the-date-2025-statewide-icwa-conference/>

Child Welfare:

County News Center. August 21, 2025. Department Transformation Helping Reduce Number of Children Entering Foster Care. The article discusses the Department of Child and Family Well-Being Department in San Diego has widened the range of resources available to help families.

Link to Article:

<https://www.countynewscenter.com/departamental-transformation-helping-reduce-number-of-children-entering-foster-care/>

Health:

CalMatters. August 4, 2025. Ana Ibarra. 2,300 California ‘Dreamers’ Are About to Lose Their Health Care Coverage. The article discusses the reversed rule that allowed undocumented immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as kids to buy health insurance on the Affordable Care Act Marketplaces.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/health/2025/08/dreamers-lose-health-insurance/>

CalMatters. August 15, 2025. Kristin Hwang. Cover California Health Insurance Will Cost More in 2026. Here’s What’s Behind the Double-Digit Increase. The article explained that consumers are expected to see a rise in their costs; this the article explained is partly tied to the expiration of federal subsidies.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/health/2025/08/covered-california-2026-rate-increase/>

Los Angeles Times. August 26, 2025. Rong Gong Lin II. COVID Rising Fast in California, Fueled by New ‘Stratus’ Variant Tied to Omicron. The article discusses COVID-19 is climbing to troubling levels in California.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2025-08-26/covid-rising-fast-in-california-fueled-by-new-stratus-variant-tied-to-omicron>

Los Angeles Times. August 28, 2025. Rong Gon Lin II. The FDA Just Overhauled its COVID Vaccine Guidance. Here’s What it Means for You. The article advised adults younger than 65 and otherwise healthy would need to consult with a health care provider before getting the shot.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2025-08-28/fda-overhauls-covid-vaccine-authorizations-what-you-need-to-know>

Immigration:

Los Angeles Times. August 22, 2025. A Lot Has Changed About Immigration Raids. But Not Their Emotional Toll. The article recalled the history of immigration raids in the past and the toll those raids took.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/california/newsletter/2025-08-22/a-lot-has-changed-about-immigration-raids-but-not-their-emotional-toll>

Poverty:

Los Angeles Times. August 12, 2025. Frederick E. Vars, Guest Contributor. Executive Order to Institutionalize Homeless People Defies Data. The commentary discusses an [executive order](#) the order titled “Ending Crime and Disorder on America’s Streets. The commentary explore the concern tied to this approach.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2025-08-12/la-oe-vars-housing>

Los Angeles Times. August 11, 2025. Andrew Khouri. To Tackel Homelessness, Los Angeles County Moves to Centralize its Response. The article discusses the dispatch center helps coordinate outreach, cleanups, and housing placements.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2025-08-11/feature-story-on-homelessness-centralized-response>

CalMatters. August 21, 2025. Marisa Kendall. California Cities Lack Unified Response on Homeless Encampments. The article advised that California Cities are governed by a Patchwork of Very Different Policies.

Link to article:

<https://calmatters.org/housing/homelessness/2025/08/homeless-encampment-sweep-policies/>

Other:

Cal Matters. August 12, 2025. Maya C. Miller. Auditor: California County Save \$225 Million a Year by Letting State Employees Work Remote. The article advised that proponents of remove work for California State Employees are celebrating a new state audit that finds having employees work from home could save the State hundreds of millions of dollars in real estate and facilities costs.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/politics/2025/08/state-workers-remote-work/>