

Overview of Annual Research Topics/Literature Review August 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:

CalMatters: August 1, 2026. Rhonda Lyons. Lawmaker told Court Her Mom Had Dementia in Family Property Battle. Not So, Said Doctors. The article discusses records show that lawmaker tried to obtain conservatorship to gain control of disputed properties.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/investigation/2026/07/farias-assembly-conservatorship-2/>

CalMatters: August 17, 2026. Rhonda Lyons. California Fiduciary Abuse Missed Warning Signs. The article discussed a Los Angeles Fiduciary where many of the safeguards designed to protect against fiduciary abuse have abandoned or ignored.

Link to Articles.

<https://calmatters.org/investigation/2026/08/california-fiduciary-abuse-missed-warning-signs/>

Child Welfare:

Los Angeles Times. August 1, 2026. Riverside County Failed to Act on Reported Abuse Before Baby Emmanuel's Death, Suit alleges. The article discussed the suit and alleges that if county social worker had done their jobs properly, he would still be alive.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2026-08-01/riverside-county-failed-to-act-on-reported-abuse-before-baby-emmanuel-death-suit-alleges>

CBS News. August 1, 2026. Maddie White. California Order State Intervention in Alameda County Child Welfare System. The Article explains the State of California has ordered formal intervention and monitoring of Alameda County's Child Welfare System; the strongest action available short of full takeover – after finding serious, ongoing failure to protect vulnerable children.

Link to Article:

<https://www.cbsnews.com/sanfrancisco/news/california-state-intervention-alameda-county-child-welfare-system/>

CalMatters: August 25, 2026. Maya. C. Miller. Why Sex Abuse Survivors and Broke School Districts are at Odds in Legislature's Final Days. The article discusses the impact of lawsuits from people sexually abused as children in schools, foster care and juvenile detention facilities, balancing financial health with the cost of survivors' trauma.

Link to Article.

<https://calmatters.org/politics/2026/08/california-legislature-child-sex-abuse-claims/>

Health

Cal Matters. August 4, 2026. Kristen Hwang & Ana B. Ibarra. Medi-Cal is Changing. Here is What to Do if You are Worried about Coverage. The article goes over the changes.

Link to the Article:

<https://calmatters.org/health/2026/08/medi-cal-the-cut-what-to-do-help/>

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>

Chapin Hall. July 29, 2026. Child Welfare Systems and Heightened Deportation Efforts.

Link to Report:

https://www.chapinhall.org/wp-content/uploads/Chapin-Hall_Immigration-Child-Welfare-Report_July-2026.pdf

Poverty:

Los Angeles Times. August 1, 2026. Editorial. Mothers Share Their Struggles in Juggling Finances, Child Care and Lack of Support. The article explored women's struggles with being mother and their employment coupled with giving their children a good start.

Link to Editorial:

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/story/2026-07-29/falling-birthrate-mothers-child-care>

Cal Matters. August 7, 2026. Kristen Hwang. Medicaid Cuts Stand to Hit Everyone (yes, even you). Here is why. The article discussed that Medi-Cal cuts will strain hospitals already operating at a loss. The fallout: fewer services and higher costs for privately insured people too.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/health/2026/08/the-cut-medi-cal-ripple-effects/>

Los Angeles Times. August 17, 2026. Aging California Are Not Moving Out of Their Longtime Homes. The article explores the California aging population id driving down the state's average household size, as senior residents are increasingly staying in their single-family homes well after their children move out.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2026-08-17/aging-californians-arent-moving-out-of-their-longtime-homes>

Cal Matters. August 21, 2026. Marisa Kendall. Homeless Counts Dropped in These California Counties this Year. The article discussed many counties in the state are making progress related to homelessness. The article provided data on those changes within the state.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/housing/homelessness/2026/08/pit-counts-2026/>

Other Areas of Interest:

Los Angeles Times. August 18, 2026. How to Fair Upward and Build a Career in Tough Times. The article explored approaches to assist in this goal.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2026-08-18/young-people-job-market-career-advice>

Los Angeles Times. August 1, 2026. 'Unsung Heros.' New Documentary Honors San Bernardino's Terrorism Victims. The article discussed the terrorist attack with a link to a short documentary <https://main.sbcounty.gov/2026/07/16/documentary-reflects-on-remembrance-resilience-and-hope-following-the-dec-2-attack/>

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/california/newsletter/2026-07-29/san-bernardino-attack-documentary>