

# Overview of Annual Research Topics/Literature Review September 2024

## Upcoming Events:

**John Burton Advocates for Youth. Completing the FAFSA/CADAA: A How-To For Adult Supporters of Youth with Experience with Foster Care or Homelessness. Webinar. November 20, 2024, 10:00 AM Pacific Time.**

**Link to Registration:**

<https://jbay.org/events/fafsa-cadaa-adult-webinar-2024/>

**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/>

## Child Welfare:

**John Burton Advocates for Youth. September 2024. Best Practices for Local Administration of Federal Housing Vouchers for Former Foster Youth in California. This resource provides county child welfare agencies and Public Housing Authorities with recommended best practices for Local administrations of special purpose Housing Choice Vouchers for Foster Youth.**

**Link to Document:**

<https://jbay.org/resources/2024-fy-bp/>

**CalMatters. August 21, 2024. Shaanth Nanguneri. California Law Helps Tribes Keep Kids out of Foster Care. A New Court Ruling Strengthens their Hand. The article discusses California Child Welfare agencies are required to investigate claims of Native American ancestry before separating a family, the California Supreme Court Stresses a new ruling that affects several contested cases.**

**Link to Article:**

<https://calmatters.org/justice/2024/08/indian-child-welfare-act/>

**OIG.HHS Report. September 2024. Most Children in Foster Care Did not Receive Credit Checks and Assistance.**

**Link to Article/PDF Report:**

<https://oig.hhs.gov/reports/all/2024/most-children-in-foster-care-did-not-receive-credit-checks-and-assistance/>

<https://oig.hhs.gov/documents/evaluation/9989/OEI-07-22-00510.pdf>

**Annie E. Casey Foundation. September 2024. Kinship Policy Improvement Toward Child Welfare System Transformation. The report is an update and expansion of a 2007 Casey-Child Trends Study.**

**Link to Report:**

<https://assets.aecf.org/m/resourcedoc/Report-kinshippolicyimprovements-2024.pdf>

### **Health:**

**CalMatters. September 17, 2024. Most Maternal Deaths Can be Prevented. Here's How California Aims to Cut Them in Half. The Article discussed a campaign through the California Surgeon General to increase awareness about health conditions that impact pregnancy-related deaths.**

**Link to Article:**

<https://calmatters.org/health/2024/09/maternal-deaths/>

**Los Angeles Time. September 18, 2024. Emily Alpert Reyes. California Surgeon General Sets Goal of Reducing Maternal Mortality by 50%. The article discussed the California Surgeon General has unveiled an initiative to reduce maternal mortality and set a goal of halving the rate of deaths related to pregnancy and birth by December 2026.**

**Link to Article:**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2024-09-17/california-sets-goal-of-reducing-maternal-mortality-by-half#:~:text=Siebel%20Newsom%20and%20Ramos%20have,maternal%20mortality%20rate%20in%20California.&text=California's%20surgeon%20general%20has%20unveiled,and%20birth%20by%20December%202026.>

Los Angeles Time. September 23, 2024. Rong-Gong Lin II. **New COVID Subvariant XEC Poses Potential Threat heading into Winter.** The article discusses the XEC subvariant and doctors' concerns that it will reverse transmission trends.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2024-09-23/new-covid-subvariant-xec-a-potential-threat-for-winter-as-doctors-urge-vaccinations>

CalMatters. September 29, 2024. Kristin Hwang, Ana B. Ibarra & Erica Yee. **After CalMatters Investigation, Newsom Signs Law to Shed Light on Maternity Ward Closures.** The article discussed more than 50 California Hospitals stopped delivering babies in the past decade, limiting maternity care options in both rural and urban communities.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/health/2024/09/maternity-care-new-law/>

### **Poverty:**

CalMatters. September 9, 2024. Lauren Helper. **CalMatters Sues LA Homeless Authority to Obtain Secret Shelter Records.** The explained the that a suit has been filed after reports of shelter deaths and assaults have been reported but CalMatters has been denied repeated requests for incident reports created by government contractors.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/housing/homelessness/2024/09/los-angeles-homeless-services/>

CalMatters. September 10, 2024. Marisa Kendall. **California's Homeless Population Grew Again this Year, Especially in these Counties.** The article explored the increase in Homelessness in California and advised experts are raising questions about the data.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/housing/homelessness/2024/09/pit-count-analysis-2024/>

CalMatters. September 12, 2024. Marisa Kendall. **No Sleeping Bags, Keep Moving: California Cities Increase Crackdown on Homeless Encampments.** The article discusses more than two-dozen California cities passed, strengthened, or are considering ordinances that penalize people for sleeping outside.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/housing/homelessness/2024/09/camping-ban-ordinances/>