

Overview of Annual Research Topics/Literature Review September 2025

Upcoming Events:

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/>

John Burton Advocates for youth. October 22, 2025 @10:00 AM Pacific Time. Completing the FAFSA/CADAA: A How-To for Adult Supporters of Youth with Experience with Foster Care Or Homelessness.

Link to Registration:

<https://jbay.org/events/completing-the-fafsa-cadaa-a-how-to-for-adult-supporters-of-youth-with-experience-with-foster-care-or-homelessness/>

Adult Welfare:

Justice In Aging. September 2025. Sahar Takshi. Supporting Tribal elders Through Home and Community Based Services. The brief discuss the role of home and long-term care in Tribal Communities.

Link to Brief:

<https://justiceinaging.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Tribal-Elders-LTC-HCBS.pdf>

Justice in Aging. September 2025. Denny Chan & Sahar Takshi. Support LGBTQ Older Adults Basic Needs. The article explores LGBTQ and older adults who continue to be systemically targeted in unconscionable ways by policymakers.

Link to Issue Brief:

<https://justiceinaging.org/supporting-lgbtq-older-adults-basic-needs/>

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:

Los Angeles Times. September 5, 2025. People Can Not Get COVID Vaccines as Cases Surge. Anger is Building Against Trump. The article discusses federal restrictions are making it difficult for many Americans to Access COVID Vaccines during a late summer surge and Adults under 65 must now consult healthcare professionals or attest to underlying conditions before getting update shots.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2025-09-05/covid-vaccines-are-harder-to-get-under-trump-and-people-are-angry-about-it>

Los Angeles Times. September 11, 2025. Corinne Purtill. Los Angeles Child Dies from Complication of Measles Infection Contracted in Infancy.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/science/story/2025-09-11/l-a-child-died-from-complication-of-measles-contracted-in-infancy>

Los Angeles Times. September 15, 2025. California Story. California Covid Surge is Peaking, But the Battle over Vaccine Access is just Beginning. The article discussed COVID showing signs of peaking; it implies the states war with the administration tied to vaccines is just beginning.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2025-09-15/california-covid-surge-is-peaking-but-the-battle-over-vaccine-access-is-just-beginning>

Los Angeles Times. September 16, 2025. California Covid Surge is Peaking; But the Battle Over Vaccine Access is Just Beginning. The article suggests in some areas the Covid Surge is Peaking.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2025-09-16/california-covid-plateau>

Cal Matters. September 17, 2025. Ana B. Ibarra & Kristin Hwang. California Releases its Own Vaccine Recommendations as RFK Shifts Federal Policy. The article discusses leading medical organizations informed the state's new guidelines. Further, a new law requires insurers to cover vaccines for most Californians.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/health/2025/09/covid-vaccine-western-alliance/>

Children Now. 2025 California County Scorecard of Children's Well Being. Link for Counties embedded in interactive tool.

Link to Interactive Tool:

<https://www.childrennow.org/portfolio-posts/2025-california-county-scorecard-of-childrens-well-being/>

Poverty:

Cal Matters. September 5, 2025. Six Things to Know About How Governor Newsom's CARE Court is Working so Far. The article discusses CARE Court is reaching far fewer people than expected.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/health/mental-health/2025/09/care-court-data-takeaways/>

Cal Matters. September 24, 2025. Marisa Kendall. Homelessness is Dropping in California Counties. But Funding Cuts Could Derail that Progress. The article discusses concerns that California will be black listed from federal homelessness dollars.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/housing/homelessness/2025/09/ca-homelessness-funding-population/>

Cal Matters. September 26, 2025. Ben Christopher. How Bad is California's Housing Shortage? It Depends on Who is Doing the Counting. The article explores the question; why is the housing shortage so hard to measure?

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/housing/2025/09/california-housing-shortage/>

Los Angeles Times. September 30, 2025. Tyrone Beason. How California Families Are Already Bracing for Looming Medicaid Cuts. The article discusses concerns with cuts to Medicaid leading millions uninsured with worse public health outcomes.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/science/story/2025-09-29/looming-medicaid-california-impacts>