

Overview of Annual Research Topics/Literature Review October 2025

Adult Welfare:

Association of Health Care Journalists. October 9, 2025. Liz Seegert. Poverty Costs Older Americans Nearly a Decade of Life. The Article discusses older Americans living in poverty die nearly nine years earlier than their wealthier peers.

Link to Article:

<https://healthjournalism.org/blog/2025/10/poverty-costs-older-americans-nearly-a-decade-of-life/#:~:text=Using%20Elder%20Index%20figures%2C%20they,accelerates%20health%20decline%2C%20researchers%20said.>

Justice In Aging. September 2025. Sahar Takshi. Supporting Tribal elders Through Home and Community Based Services. The brief discusses 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/>

Upcoming Events:

John Burton Advocates for Youth. Webinar; November 5, 2025. 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM (Pacific Times. Proven Results: How HHAP Drove a Reduction in Youth Homelessness in California Over 5 years.

Link to Register:

<https://jbay.org/events/11-5-25-webinar/>

Child Welfare:

Cal Matters. October 16, 2025. Adriana Heldiz and Adam Ashton. How to get Help if You Know a California Child Who Experienced Serious Trauma. The article discusses finding resources through their doctors, preschools and First 5.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/education/2025/10/childhood-trauma-preschool-programs/>

Los Angeles Times. October 28, 2025. Rebecca Ellis. As Concerns Loom Over Sex Abuse Payouts, L.A. County Finalizes \$828-million Settlement. The article advised that Los Angeles approved a \$828-million settlement on Tuesday; this decision comes on the heels of an investigation that recruiters paid clients to sue the county for sexual abuse.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2025-10-28/los-angeles-county-828-million-dollar-sex-abuse-settlement-approved>

Health:

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/>

Cal Matters. October 23, 2025. Ana B. Ibarra. Health Care Costs and Mental Health Access Weigh on Californians, Poll Shows. The article discusses a poll by the California Wellness Foundations that found nearly 80% of voters are worried by the cost of health; it also found they are worried about Mental Health access as well.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/health/2025/10/wellness-foundation-gubernatorial-poll/>

Immigration:

Cal Matters. October 13, 2025. Jeanne Kuang. Newsom Signs Controversial Bill Letting Relatives Care for Kids if Parents are Deported. The article discusses Immigrants' rights groups and child advocates believe it will help prepare parents for emergencies. It has cause controversy among conservative and religious activists who are concerned that this would allow adults to traffic kids.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/politics/2025/10/caregiver-deportation-california/>

Poverty:

Cal Matters. October 6, 2025. Marisa Kendall. California Braces for 'Devastating' Expected cuts to Federal Homeless Housing funds. The article discusses that thousands of California could return to homelessness as the fed reportedly plan to disinvest from permanent housing.

Link to Article

<https://calmatters.org/housing/homelessness/2025/10/ca-federal-homeless-housing-cuts/>

Cal Matters. October 17, 2025. Phoebe Huss. The Feds Want to Know More About the People on Food Stamps. How Newsom Responded. The article explains that the Governor has signed a law that will walk back data sharing meant to increase CalFresh recipients.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/economy/2025/10/calfresh-data-privacy-california-law/>

Los Angeles Times. October 20, 2025. Kevin Rector. Newsom warns Californias' SNAP Benefits Could be Delayed Because of Federal Shutdown. The article discussed a warning issued by Governor Newsom that Food Assistance Benefits for millions of low-income Californias could be delayed starting November 1, if the ongoing federal shutdown does not end by Thursday.

Link to Article.

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2025-10-20/newsom-warns-californians-snap-benefits-could-be-halted-nov-1-under-federal-shutdown>

USA Today. October 28, 2025. Snap Runs Out Impact Food Stamp Recipients. The article advised that October recipients received benefits; however, without and end in sight to the shutdown, The U.S. Department of Agriculture said there are no funds available to send out SNAP Benefits come November 1, 2025.

Link to Article:

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/2025/10/28/snap-runs-out-impact-food-stamp-recipients/86943125007/>

USA Today. October 30, 2025. Opinion Piece. Republicans' Refusal to Fund SNAP Will Hurt Their Own Voters Most. The opinion piece discusses 42 million will lose access to SNAP; and could struggle to pay for food next month.

Link to Article:

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/columnist/2025/10/30/shutdown-snap-republican-voters-rural-america/86946759007/>

Other:

Cal Matters. October 14, 2025. Nigel Duarao. For the First Time, a California County Removed its Sheriff Over Misconduct Allegations. The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors voted to remove Sheriff Christina Corpus After Allegations of Nepotism in Her Office. The article discusses this is a rare event in California history, in part because Sheriffs are elected officials.

Link to Article.

<https://calmatters.org/justice/2025/10/san-mateo-sheriff-removed-from-office/>