

Overview of Annual Research Topics/Literature Review

August 2023

Upcoming Events

CWDA Conference: October 11, 13, 2023, Anaheim, California. Anaheim Marriot.

Link to Registration:

<https://www.cwda.org/cwda-conferencesymposium-presentation/cwda-2023-annual-conference-now-open-registration>

John Burton Advocates for Youth. September 13, 2023, 1-2:30. California's Historic Tax Credit for Foster Youth: Assessing the Inaugural Year's Progress.

Link to Registration:

<https://jbay.org/events/tax-credit-assess-first-year/>

Link to Registration:

<https://jbay.org/events/get-ready-file/>

John Burton Advocates for Youth. State Investment in Housing for Foster Youth: Assessing Recent Progress and Identifying Remaining Challenges.

Link to Registration:

<https://jbay.org/events/state-investment-housing/>

Adult Welfare:

San Francisco Examiner. August 3, 2023. Natalia Gurevich. UCSF Study Finds Childhood Trauma has Lasting Effects into Old Age. The study explores how trauma can impact people later in life and provides data that can help care for victims as they age.

Link to Article:

https://www.sfexaminer.com/news/the-city/ucsf-study-shows-lifelong-health-impacts-of-childhood-trauma/article_7d873e44-3189-11ee-bab0-cf155483bf39.html

Los Angeles Times. August 10, 2023. Mike Stobbe. U.S. Suicides Hit an All-Time High Last Year, the CDC Reports. The report highlights that the largest percentage was from the older adult population.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2023-08-10/us-suicides-hit-an-all-time-high-last-year>

Los Angeles Times. August 29, 2023. Tony Briscoe. Dementia Risk Grows with Increased Exposure to Air Pollution. The article discusses results of a Michigan study that found long term exposure to prevalent types of air pollution may increase the risk of developing dementia.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2023-08-29/dementia-risk-grows-with-increased-exposure-to-air-pollution>

Child Welfare

JBAY. August 1, 2023. Letter: The U.S. Department of Education release a Dear Colleague Letter that reminds State Educational Agencies that they are obligated to support the unique needs of students in foster care. Letter below in link.

Link to Letter:

<https://oese.ed.gov/files/2023/07/Foster-Care-dear-colleague-letter-7-25-2023-for-Webpage.pdf>

Los Angeles Times. August 23, 2023. Rebecca Ellis. L.A. County Fails to Place Older Foster Kids, Leaving them Homeless, Lawsuit Alleges. The article discusses Los Angeles County is condemning older foster youth to long stints

of homelessness and couch-surfing by failing to provide them with appropriate homes. A federal lawsuit was filed Tuesday.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2023-08-23/la-county-foster-kids-lawsuit>

Link to Federal Court Document:

[https://publiccounsel.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Ocean-S LA-County TAY 2023-08-22 Complaint.pdf](https://publiccounsel.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Ocean-S_LA-County_TAY_2023-08-22_Complaint.pdf)

Drought

Los Angeles Times. August 29, 2023. Grace Toohey. California is Now Practically Drought-Free, but we keep Wasting so Much Rainwater. The article discussed that despite precipitation, California is only capturing a percentage of that water.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2023-08-29/hilary-ended-mojave-drought-did-it-help-the-california-water-supply>

Health:

CalMatters. August 10, 2023. Ana B. Ibarra. Three California Hospitals Declared Bankruptcy This Year. Health Chains Could Keep Them Alive. Madera Community Hospital, Hazel Hawkins Memorial Hospital, San Benito, and Beverly Community Hospital of East Los Angeles declared Bankruptcy this year.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/health/2023/08/bankrupt-california-hospitals-health-chains/>

CalMatters. August 17, 2023. Kristen Hwang. Gavin Newsom Gives Ground to Critics on His Mental Health Plan. Will Voters Back it? The article discusses Gov Newsom aiming to appease critics of Mental Health Plan.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/health/mental-health/2023/08/california-mental-health-services-newsom/>

Los Angeles Times. August 28, 2023. California Offers Lifeline to 17 Trouble Hospitals. The article discusses that Madera is being offered \$52 million in interest free loans, and sixteen others are being offered \$240.5 in interest free loans.

Link to Article:

[HTTPS://WWW.LATIMES.COM/CALIFORNIA/STORY/2023-08-25/CALIFORNIA-LIFELINE-17-HOSPITALS](https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2023-08-25/california-lifeline-17-hospitals)

Poverty:

Los Angeles Times. August 14, 2023. Noah Bierman. Why Detroit, America's Poorest City, does not Have an L.A. Sized Homeless Problem. The article explores poverty and the differences of addressing the unhoused between the two large cities.

<https://www.latimes.com/homeless-housing/story/2023-08-14/homelessness-los-angeles-vs-detroit>

Cal Matters: August 28, 2023. Lynn LA. Can CARE Courts Ease California's Homeless Crisis? The article discusses California is struggling with the intertwined crisis of homelessness and mental illness and it questions if CARE Courts are the right prescription.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/newsletters/whatmatters/2023/08/california-homeless-care-court/#:~:text=But%20despite%20these%20limitations%2C%20local,people%20in%20side%20and%20into%20treatment.>

Other Topics:

CalMatters: August 2, 2023. Lynn La & Alexi Koseff. California Voters Could Force More sunlight on Public Records. The article explores Public Records Act and that it is an empty promise. It went on to discuss a bill that was killed last year would have established a two-year retention period of records across government.

Link to Article:

[Https://CALMATTERS.ORG/NEWSLETTERS/WHATMATTERS/2023/08/CALIFORNIA-PUBLIC-Records/](https://CALMATTERS.ORG/NEWSLETTERS/WHATMATTERS/2023/08/CALIFORNIA-PUBLIC-Records/)