

Overview of Annual Research Topics/Literature Review December 2025

Upcoming Events:

CFPIC/PACT. January 22, 2026 – 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM Webinar. Hidden in Plain Sight. Child labor Trafficking and Intersections with Commercial Sexual Exploitation.

Link to Registration:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/pDWHb_dLQT6fe2Sj0CIIDQ#/registration

NAPSA Conference – November 16, 18, 2026. Austin Texas

Link to Registration and Information.

<https://www.napsa-now.org/annual-conference/>

Adult Welfare:

AARP Research. December 2025. Lona Choi Allum & Gerad Chuck Rainville. Disconnected: The Escalating Challenge of Loneliness Among Adults 45-Plus. The research discusses loneliness among adults forty-five and older is rising at an alarming rate.

Link to Article.

<https://www.aarp.org/pri/topics/social-leisure/relationships/loneliness-social-connections-2025/>

UC Davis. December 4, 2025. Rebecca Badeaux. Rural Older Adults Face Big Gaps in Care. The research discusses older adults in rural California face mounting challenges that are expected to intensify over the next decade and a half.

Link to Research:

<https://health.ucdavis.edu/news/headlines/rural-older-adults-face-big-gaps-in-care/2025/12>

Health:

CalMatters. December 17, 2025. Yue Stell Yu & Erica Yee. How Gavin Newsom's CARE Court Lost its Teeth in the California Legislature. The article explored the vision of Newsom that 7,000 – 12,000 Californians would qualify for program; by July according to the opinion piece only 528 people were enrolled in treatment plans.

Link to Opinion Piece:

<https://calmatters.org/health/mental-health/2025/12/care-court-what-happened-in-legislature/>

CalMatters. December 17, 2025. Marissa Kendall. Everything You Need to Know About How to Use California's New Mental Health Court. The article discusses who is eligible for CARE Court, how to file a petition and if you can force someone into treatment.

Link to Article:

Immigration:

CalMatters. December 1, 2025. They Still Need Care. Why California Migrant Workers are Avoiding Medical Clinics. The article discusses the fear of migrant workers to include sharing sensitive information; in California farm workers started staying away from medical clinics during this administration. A Fresno County Doctor said there is a lot of distrust.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/economy/2025/12/immigrant-farmworker-medical-clinic/>

Los Angeles Times. December 11, 2025. Itzel Luna. DACA Was Once a Lifeline for Undocumented Youth. It is Leaving the Next Generation Behind. The article discussed today's DACA students are left out due to ongoing legal battles and dated requirements.

Link to Article?

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2025-12-11/undocumented-students-navigate-post-daca>

CalMatters. December 17, 2025. The UC Berkeley Possibility Lab. Immigration and Health Communities. The report explores a complex picture of how immigration policies, public opinion, and experiences of immigrant communities impact the economic, physical, mental, social wellbeing of communities across the state.

Link to Research:

<https://calmatters.org/sponsored/2025/12/immigration-healthy-communities/>

Poverty:

Los Angeles Times. December 4, 2025. Andrew Khouri. Expected Loss of Federal Funds Could Push Thousands of Los Angeles County Households into Homelessness. The article discussed local officials warning the 14,400 Los Angeles County, formerly homeless subsidized households could be forced back to the streets or shelters.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2025-12-04/expected-loss-in-federal-funds-could-push-thousands-of-households-into-homelessness-local-officials-say#:~:text=Local%20officials%20are%20warning%20that,a%20loss%20of%20federal%20funding.>

CalMatters. December 19, 2025. Ann B. Ibarra. What's Next for Medi-Cal? A Former State Health Leader Weighs in. The article discusses expert warn millions could lose coverage un HR1, making changes to the country's safety net programs.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/health/2025/12/ghaly-medi-cal-commission/>

Other:

CalMatters. December 17, 2025. Anat Rubin. The Wal-Mart of Public Defense: How Justice Gets Sold to the Lowest Bidder in Rural California. The article discusses Flat Fee Contracts that have been banned in other parts of the county; the article discusses one law firm that has flourished in California.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/investigation/2025/12/the-walmart-of-public-defense/>

Los Angeles Times; December 19, 2025. Matt Hamilton. California Public Schools Face Billions in Costs from Sex Abuse Claims. The article discussed the settlements so far of or \$430 Million and project this will reach \$3 Billion.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2025-12-19/california-public-schools-face-billions-in-costs-from-sex-abuse-claims>

Los Angeles Times; December 19, 2025. Times Investigation: Pubic in the Dark About Some Schools' Big Sex Abuse Payouts. The article said some California school districts use nondisclosure agreements, among other measures, in sex abuse settlement; some experts say this is a violation of state transparency law.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2025-12-19/school-districts-california-secret-settlements-childhood-sex-abuse-claims>