

Overview of Annual Research Topics/Literature Review

February 2024

Upcoming Events:

John Burton Advocates for Youth. 2024 CA Foster Youth Education Summit. April 15 & 16 in Sacramento. The summit will provide professionals and individuals with lived experiences emerging trends and best practices to support the education success of youth in foster care. There will also be a student program where they can learn public speaking, networking and how to share their voice with adults at the conference.

Link to Event:

<https://www.cafosteryouthedsummit.com/registration-information>

Annie E. Casey Foundation. March 6, 2024. A New Way to Measure Healing from Community Violence, from 12 to 2 P.M. ET. The session will highlight a new scale to measure healing in people who have been harmed by community violence.

Link to Registration:

<https://www.aecf.org/blog/a-new-way-to-measure-healing-from-violence>

Adult Welfare:

Calmatters. Sarah Ramirez. February 20, 2024. California's Chief Plan for Seniors Overlooks the Realities Rural Families Face. The article discussed the commended the latest Master Plan for Aging; but pointed out it fails to portray the realities for older adults in rural, low-income areas, who are at greater risk of poverty and homelessness.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/commentary/2024/02/california-aging-seniors-overlooks-rural/>

Child Welfare:

Children's Now. February 2024. California Childrens Report Card. The California Children's Report Card grades the State on its ability to support better outcomes for children.

Link to Report Card:

<https://go.childrennow.org/2024-california-childrens-report-card>

Drought:

Los Angeles Times. February 22, 2024. California Snow Drought Fades with Series of Storms. The article advised that the snowpack means that California appears headed for a less extreme water year after three years of extreme drought.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/environment/story/2024-02-22/california-snow-drought-fades-with-series-of-storms>

Health:

Los Angeles Times. February 7, 2024. Halfway Through Medicaid Purge, Enrollment is Down About 10 million. The article discusses that in a one-year span, enrollment in the Medicaid program is on track to return to pre-pandemic levels.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/science/story/2024-02-07/halfway-through-medicaid-purge-enrollment-is-down-about-10-million#:~:text=More%20than%20halfway%20into%20the,children%20is%20steeper%20than%20typi>

CalMatters. February 20, 2024. Ana B. Ibarra. California Offered \$57 Million to Help this Hospital Reopen. Now, it finally has a Plan. The article discussed the possibility that the closed Madera Hospital could open by this summer.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/health/2024/02/madera-hospital-reopen/>

CalMatters. February 28, 2024. Kristen Hwang. California Gives new Moms Extra Medi-Cal Benefits. It Cannot Say Who is Using them. The article discusses how California offers extensive pregnancy benefits to low-income mothers, but the state's health agency does not know the numbers that are getting help and if it improves the health of mothers and babies.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/health/2024/02/maternal-health-benefits/>

Poverty:

CalMatters: February 1, 2024. Dan Walters. How Will California Overcome High Living Costs, High Poverty and High Debt? The article discusses the California combination of high living costs, poverty rate and debt factors.

Link to Article

<https://calmatters.org/commentary/2024/02/california-living-costs-poverty-debt/>

CalMatters. February 2, 2024. Ben Christopher. Los Angeles' One Weird Trick to Build Affordable Housing at No Public Cost. The article discusses Unsubsidized affordable project and how this once was an oxymoron. Under Mayor Bass, Los Angeles is now approving them by the hundreds.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/housing/2024/02/affordable-housing-los-angeles/>

Los Angeles Times. February 14, 2024. Bernard J. Wolfson. New Eligibility Rules Mean Nearly 2 million on Medi-Cal Can Now Save for a Rainy Day. The article discusses the new rules that open the doors for thousands who did not qualify previously.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2024-02-14/new-eligibility-rules-are-a-financial-salve-for-nearly-2-million-on-medi-cal>

Workforce:

Public Policy Institute of California. February 2024. Julien Lafortune, Sarah Bohn, Marisol Cuellar Mejia, Jenny Duan, Hans Johnson & Shannon McConville. Labor Force Participation in California, Trends, Gaps and Policy Considerations. The study provides detailed information on labor force participation along with key findings and policy considerations.

Link to Study:

<https://www.ppic.org/publication/labor-force-participation-in-california/>