

# Overview of Annual Research Topics/Literature Review

January 2022

## Upcoming Events

**John Burton Advocates for Youth Webinars. Foster Academic Achievement (FAAN) Webinar Series. February 16, 2022 @11:00 AM; March 16, 2022 @11:00 AM.**

**Link to Webinar Information:**

<https://faannetwork.com/>

**Link to Webinar Registration:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_yDLr00GkTea511O78XB68g](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yDLr00GkTea511O78XB68g)

**John Burton Advocates for Youth Webinars. Tax Filing 101. Expanded Federal & State Tax Credits Put Money in the Pockets of Transition Age Youth. The Webinar discusses strategies to help Transition Age Youth access the Earned Income Tax Credit. February 1, 2022 @10:00 AM to 11:30 AM.**

**Link to Webinar Information:**

<https://jbay.org/events/tax-filing-webinar/>

**Link to Webinar Registration:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_LHWBKqJLQbaMNStOyM\\_RHw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LHWBKqJLQbaMNStOyM_RHw)

**John Burton Advocates for Youth Webinar. Applying Trauma Informed Principles to Food Security and Basic Needs. February 3, 2022 @1:00 PM.**

**Link to Webinar Information & Registration:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_v0knP\\_6TQBOW9bGUuadA6Q](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_v0knP_6TQBOW9bGUuadA6Q)

**John Burton Advocates for Youth Webinar. Teen Talk for Youth in Alternative Settings: CA's new Online Sex Ed Course for Foster Youth. February 10, 2022, from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM.**

**Link to Webinar Information & Registration:**

**[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_dl5L39fNQgybCzPb6744Bq](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_dl5L39fNQgybCzPb6744Bq)**

## **Adult Welfare**

**State of California Health & Human Services Agency. December 31, 2021. The attached are the amended requirements for visitors to acute care and long-term care facilities.**

**Link to Article:**

**<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Order-of-the-State-Public-Health-Officer-Requirements-for-Visitors-in-Acute-Health-Care-and-Long-Term-Care-Settings.aspx>**

**AP News. January 16, 2022. Meg Kinnard & Bryan Gallion. Covid Deaths and Case Rising Again at US Nursing Homes. The article advises that due to the Omicron strain, nursing home cases and deaths are rising. This has led to new restrictions at facilities.**

**Link to Article:**

**<https://apnews.com/article/coronavirus-pandemic-health-pandemics-nursing-homes-centers-for-disease-control-and-prevention-31685a926b0ee4e97e1b314a52b1f41c>**

**Cal Matters. January 20, 2022. Jesse Bedayn. No Way Out: How the Poor get Stranded in California Nursing Homes. The article discusses many poor nursing home residents find themselves stuck inside facilities and not able to return home.**

**Link to Article:**

**<https://calmatters.org/health/2022/01/california-nursing-homes-transition/>**

## **Child Welfare**

**John Burton Advocates for Youth. January 2022. Primary Authors: Sheila Bustillos, Toni Watt, & Christine Norton. Tuition Waiver Programs for Students with Experience in Foster Care: Policy and Practice Recommendations.**

**Link to Report:**

**<https://jbay.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Tuition-Waiver-FINAL.pdf>**

**APNEWS January 7, 2022. Don Thompson. Attorney General: Don't File Murder Charges in Stillbirths. The article advises that Attorney General Rob Bonta issues a statewide alert to advise law enforcement on how to interpret state law. This action is tied to a Kings County case.**

**Link to Article:**

**<https://apnews.com/article/health-california-489c26cb0064343d82270317b7b4814>**

**Fresno Bee. January 19, 2022. Thaddeus Miller. Fresno County Foster Kids Still Months from Moving to Clovis Campus. What's Going On? The article discusses the hardest to house foster youth are still months from being place in a new facility.**

**Link to Article:**

**<https://www.fresnobee.com/news/local/article257443637.html>**

## **Drought**

**National Drought Mitigation Center. Drought Update January 2022.**

**Link to Report:**

**<http://drought.unl.edu/>**

**Cal Matters. January 5, 2021. Rachel Becker. No California's Drought is Not Over, Here's Why? The article discusses the prediction of climatologists that the rest of the season will be dry, and that conservation still lags.**

**Link to Article:**

**<https://calmatters.org/environment/2022/01/california-drought-water/>**

**Cal Matters. January 4, 2021. Rachel Becker. No, California's Drought isn't over. The article advised that the snowpack is 150% of average; dry conditions are predicted for the rest of the season and conservation still lags.**

**Link to Article:**

**<https://calmatters.org/environment/2022/01/california-drought-water/>**

## Health

**Reuters.** January 1, 2022. **Fauci Warns Danger Hospitalization Surge Due to Large Number of Covid Cases.** Top US infectious disease expert Anthony Fauci said a surge in hospitalizations is still possible; even with data suggesting Omicron is less severe.

Link to Article:

<https://www.reuters.com/business/healthcare-pharmaceuticals/fauci-warns-danger-hospitalization-surge-due-large-number-covid-cases-2022-01-02/>

**Fresno Bee.** January 5, 2021. **Yesenia Amaro.** **These Fresno County Workers Might Get a One Time Payment of \$1,500.** The article discusses a tentative agreement where full-time workers would receive a \$1,500 premium pay tied to the pandemic.

Link to Article:

<https://www.fresnobee.com/news/politics-government/article256746197.html>

**Cal Matters.** January 7, 2022. **Kristin Hwang & Anna B. Ibarra.** **Unboosted, California Covid Booster Rates Lag Behind.** In summary, the article advises that in 19 California Counties, less than a third are vaccinated.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/health/coronavirus/2022/01/california-covid-booster-rates-lag-behind/>

**New York Times.** January 11, 2022. **Covid News: Omicron Causes Fewer and Shorter Hospitalizations, Study Shows.** The article discussed a new study of nearly 70,000 Covid Patients in California demonstrate that Omicron cause less severe disease.

Link to Article:

<https://www.nytimes.com/live/2022/01/11/world/omicron-covid-testing-vaccines>

**Mercury News.** January 17, 2022. **Kurt Snibbe.** **86% of Hospitalizations are Unvaccinated in Orange County.** The article explained that in Orange County 86% of hospitalizations are unvaccinated; 87% in ICU are unvaccinated.

Link to Article:

<https://www.mercurynews.com/2022/01/17/coronavirus-86-of-hospitalizations-are-unvaccinated-in-orange-county-on-jan-14/>

AP News. January 25, 2022. Mae Anderson. Covid-19 Vaccine Booster Drive is Faltering in the US. The article advised that only 40% of fully vaccinated Americans have received a booster dose.

<https://apnews.com/article/coronavirus-pandemic-health-492fb86ff65c0f9a2d87b129e5da90a4>

Fresno Bee. January 28, 2022. Arcenio J. Lopez. Mixteco Farmworkers already Challenged by Diabetes now Face Threat of Covid Variant. The article discusses this populations higher risks of serious covid complications tied to diabetes.

Link to Article:

<https://www.fresnobee.com/opinion/readers-opinion/article257810118.html>

## **Poverty**

Calmatters.org. January 7, 2021. Matt Levin, Jackie Botts & Manuella Tobias. California's Homeless Crisis and Solutions Explained. The article discusses the California Homeless Crisis and Solutions i.e., permanent, support housing.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/explainers/californias-homelessness-crisis-explained/>

Washington Post. January 22, 2022. Abha Bhattari. Inflation is Wiping out Pay increases for Most Americans. The article discusses Americans have less spending power tied to increases of rent, food etc.

Link to Article:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2022/01/22/wages-inflation/>

KTLA.com January 20, 2022. California Cities with the Most Living in Poverty. The articles list 20 cities; with 9 being within the central region.

Link to Article:

<https://ktla.com/news/local-news/20-california-cities-with-the-most-living-in-poverty/>

**Calmatters.org. January 11, 2022. Manuela Tobias. Newsom on Homelessness: We've Gotta Clean Up those Encampments. The article discussed Gov. Gavin Newsom's support for cities to remove homeless encampments; it is only a bridge to permanent housing.**

**Link to Article:**

<https://calmatters.org/category/housing/homeless/>

**Calmatters.org. January 18, 2022. Jackie Botts. One Man's Lonely Journey through California's Plan to End Homelessness. The article discusses a homeless veteran in Los Angeles who received supportive housing; his experience differed from what state leaders envisioned.**

**Link to Article:**

<https://calmatters.org/california-divide/2022/01/california-homeless-permanent-supportive-housing/>

## **Pension**

**Calmatters.org. December 13, 2021. Dan Walters. Biden Helps Unions Attack California Pension Reform. The article discusses pension reforms under Gov. Jerry Brown now has efforts by unions and the Biden Administration to undermine the law.**

**Link to article:**

<https://calmatters.org/commentary/2021/12/biden-helps-unions-attack-california-pension-reform/>

**AARP.org January 2022. John Waggoner. The article discusses a social security increase of 5.9%. In addition, Medicare part B is going up, so retirees will not see the full benefit of the raise.**

**Link to article:**

<https://www.aarp.org/retirement/social-security/info-2022/monthly-benefits-medicare-premium-payroll-tax-changes.html>