

Overview of Annual Research Topics/Literature Review

January 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 experience 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>

Child Welfare

The California Alliance for Student Parent Success. Empowering Bright Futures: The Alliances Policy Agenda for California Leaders to Support Student Parents and their families. The paper advised that this agenda was crafted to help Policy Makers and Leaders as they support student parents and their families.

Link to Policy Agenda:

<https://californiacompetes.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Empowering-Bright-Futures-Policy-Agenda.pdf>

John Burton Advocates for Youth. January 2, 2024. Financial Aid Guide for California's Foster and Unaccompanied Homeless Youth.

Link to Financial Aid Guide:

<https://jbay.org/resources/financial-aid-guide-foster-homeless/>

John Burton Advocates for Youth. January 5, 2024. This tool provides a step-by-step overview for youth with experience in foster care or with homelessness to completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Link to FAFSA Visual Guide:

https://jbay.org/resources/fafsa_visual_guide/

John Burton Advocates for Youth. January 12, 2024. This tool provides screen by screen instructions for completing the California Dream Act Application (CADAA) for youth who have been in the foster care system or are unaccompanied homeless youth.

Link to CADAA Visual Guide:

<https://jbay.org/resources/cadaa-24-25-visual-guide/>

GV Wire. January 26, 2024. Edward Smith. Human Trafficking Biggest Money Maker for Fresno Gangs, Police Efforts Pushing Crime to the Coast. The article explores the high number of arrests in Fresno and that trafficking is moving to the Coast.

Link to Article:

<https://gvwire.com/2024/01/26/human-trafficking-biggest-money-maker-for-fresno-gangs-police-efforts-pushing-crime-to-the-coast/>

Drought:

US News. January 2, 2024. Associated Press. California Begins 2024 With Below-Normal Snowpack a Year After One of the Best Starts in Decades. The article discusses how California started the year with below-normal mountain snowpacks.

Link to Article:

<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/california/articles/2024-01-02/california-begins-2024-with-below-normal-snowpack-a-year-after-one-of-the-best-starts-in-decades>

Health:

Pennlive.com January 16, 2024. Sally C. Pipes. Opinion Piece – Medicaid Should Not be for the Middle Class. The opinion piece discusses “Seniors shouldn’t receive Medicaid unless they legitimately cannot afford long-term care.”

Link to Opinion Piece:

<https://www.pennlive.com/opinion/2024/01/medicaid-should-not-be-for-the-middle-class-opinion.html?outputType=amp>

Los Angeles Times. January 17, 2024. Opinion: California's Great Stride in Medical Expansion is threatened by System inefficiencies. The opinion piece discussed California is striving for a healthier 2024 by expanding the Medicaid program. The article discussed some of the sharpest impacts are affecting Latino health.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2024-01-17/medical-medicaid-disenrollment-redetermination-latino-healthcare>

Poverty:

Chapin Hall. January 2024. Emily Rhodes, Amy Dworsky & LaShawn Brooks. Bringing Families Home Evaluation Report. The report discusses this program, whose aim is to prevent foster care placement of children who are in the home. The report looked at 195 families; the data suggests success in engaging, helping, and stabilizing housing.

Link to Evaluation Report:

[https://www.chapinhall.org/wp-content/uploads/Chapin-Hall Bringing-Families-Home Eval-Report Jan-2024.pdf](https://www.chapinhall.org/wp-content/uploads/Chapin-Hall_Bringing-Families-Home_Eval-Report_Jan-2024.pdf)

US News. January 16, 2024. Advocacy Groups are Petitioning for the End of Snap Interview Requirements. Advocacy groups are petitioning the U.S. Department of Agriculture to lift the interview requirement for SNAP. The article advises the groups to argue the interview requirement is burdensome and prevents those who qualify for aid from receiving it.

Link to Article:

<https://www.usnews.com/news/business/articles/2024-01-16/advocacy-groups-are-petitioning-for-the-end-of-snap-interview-requirements>

CalMatters: January 17, 2024. On Man's Lonely Journey Through California's Plan to End Homelessness. The article explores a chronically homeless veteran in Los Angeles, a change at permanent 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/>

Yahoo Finance. January 21, 2024. Gabriella Cruz Martinez. Proposed Child Tax Credit Expansion Would Lift Half a Million Children out of Poverty by 2025. The article explains the bipartisan proposal increases the maximum credit per child to \$2,000 from \$1600.

Link to Article:

<https://finance.yahoo.com/news/proposed-child-tax-credit-expansion-would-lift-half-a-million-children-out-of-poverty-by-2025-125236257.html>

CalMatters. January 26, 2024. Marisa Kendall. How Big is California's Homelessness Crisis? Inside the Massive, Statewide Effort to Find out. The article discussed California counting its homeless population; this is where the state gets number for programs.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/housing/homelessness/2024/01/california-homeless-point-in-time-count->

Yahoo.com January 28, 2024. Jennifer Schonberger. The Threat that High Childcare Costs Pose to the US Economy. The article discusses childcare is expected to increase by \$7,000 a year; which outpaces the rise of inflation during this time. The article explains this is due to the pandemic.

Link to Article:

<https://finance.yahoo.com/news/the-threat-that-high-childcare-costs-pose-to-the-us-economy-124248273.html>

Workforce:

Los Angeles Times. January 4, 2024. Remote Workers Actually Are Not More Productive. Will Bosses Finally Call Them Back this Year? The article explores new research that shows employees are less productive when they work from home full-time. Predictions in the article imply 2024 may be the year employers finally clamp down.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/business/story/2024-01-04/2024-year-employers-clamp-down-on-remote-work-not-so-fast>

CalMatters. January 26, 2024. Adam Ashton. New California Ruling Targets Pension 'Spiking' as Retirees Appeal for Relief. The article discusses some California retirees are losing income as their pension funds adjust to meet a 2013 law that attempted to curtail "spiking."

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/economy/2024/01/california-pensions/>