

Overview of Annual Research Topics/Literature Review

July 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>

Adult Welfare:

Los Angeles Times. July 10, 2023. Melody Peterson. Alzheimer's Drug Trials Target Older Californians. Do They Understand What they Are Signing Up For? The article discusses a gold rush in pharmaceutical research when two new Alzheimer drugs were approved.

Link to Article?

<https://www.latimes.com/business/story/2023-07-10/californians-recruited-alzheimers-drug-trials-consent-risks>

American Bar Association. July 16, 2023. Erica Costello. Tackling the High Cost of Abuse: Working with Older Victims of Financial Exploitation. The report found that financial exploitation for older victims can be quite substantial. It went on to explain that it is not uncommon for older victims to lose most of their retirement, homes, and properties.

Link to Article:

https://www.americanbar.org/groups/law_aging/publications/bifocal/vol44/bif-vol44-issue6/high-cost-of-abuse/

Child Welfare

Annie E. Casey Foundation. July 7, 2023. Updated Data tool for Child Welfare Changemakers. Link to tool within the below link.

<https://www.aecf.org/blog/updated-data-tool-for-child-welfare-changemakers>

CalMatters. July 14, 2023. Nigel Duara and Anabel Sosa. California Democrats Resisted a Child Trafficking bill – Until they Couldn't. California Lawmakers tried nine times to stiffen penalties for trafficking a minor. The latest effort appeared to die. Then a Social Campaign forced Democrats to Reconsider.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/justice/2023/07/child-trafficking-bill-california-legislature/>

Health:

Los Angeles Times: July 15, 2023. Rong Gong Lin II. California's Covid-19 Hospitalizations are Near Historic Lows. Will the Lull Last? The article discussed record low hospitalizations for Covid-19; will it last?

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2023-07-15/californias-covid-19-hospitalizations-are-near-historic-lows-but-will-the-lull-last>

Cal Matters: July 26, 2023. Kristen Hwang. Covered California Announces Biggest Increase in Premiums Since 2018. Here is how Much. The article discussed insurance sold through the state marketplace will increase by 10% next year.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/health/2023/07/covered-california-2024-health-rates/>

Immigration:

Cal Matters: July 11, 2023. Jeanne Kuang and Nicole Foy. California Built a Safety net for Undocumented Immigrants. Now Deficits Could Leave Some Behind. The article discusses California giving immigrants access to public programs helping improve poverty rates. The recession concerns have slowed the progress.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/california-divide/2023/07/undocumented-immigrants-california/>

Poverty:

CalMatters. July 6, 2023. Mikhail Zinshteyn. California Wants More College Students to Graduate Debt-Free. How's the Middle-Class Scholarship Going So Far? The article discussed sending an average of \$2,000 to 300,000 students.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/education/higher-education/2023/07/middle-class-scholarship-california/>

CalMatters. July 11, 2023. Larry Valenzuela. Go to the People: Street Medicine Teams Bring Health Care to the Unhoused. The article, discussed in the State, at least 25 street medicine teams throughout the state are trying to fill that gap, by providing health care to the unhoused.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/health/2023/07/street-medicine-health-unhoused/>

CalMatters. July 13, 2023. Marissa Kendall. L.A.'s New Homeless Solution Clears Camps but Struggles to House People. L.As New homeless solution is meant to get people out of encampments and into housing. The program "Inside Safe" is struggling to house people and connect them with Social Services.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/housing/homelessness/2023/07/los-angeles-homeless-encampments/>

Los Angeles Times. July 18, 2023. Ruben Vives. Single Homeless Women in Los Angeles County Suffer High Levels of Violence, New Study Finds. The article discusses a countywide study of single homeless women, which found that they suffered extraordinarily high levels of violence, before and after becoming homeless.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2023-07-18/single-homeless-women-in-a-county-are-at-higher-risk-of-violence-and-sexual-assault-new-study-finds>

CalMatters. July 21, 2023. Ben Christopher. Some of California’s “Cheapest” Cities have seen the Biggest Rent Hikes. The article discusses cities including Fresno, Bakersfield, Visalia, Riverside who were once cheaper housing options are no longer a refuge from the California housing affordability crisis.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/housing/2023/07/cheap-places-to-live-california/>

San Diego tribune. July 23, 2023. Gary Warth. Is the Housing First Model Helping to End Homelessness? Or Does it Enable Drug Users? The article explores a practice of providing housing to homeless people even if they continue to use drugs from its strengths to concerns.

Link to Article:

<https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/homelessness/story/2023-07-23/formerly-homeless-remained-house-some-enter-treatment-in-local-housing-first-model>

Pension:

CalMatters: July 5, 2023. Will California’s Largest Pensions, CalPERS and CalSTRS, divest from fossil Fuels? The article explains climate activists and some lawmakers are pushing for two California Pension funds to rid their holdings of \$15 Billion fossil fuel holdings. Opponents argue this is a bad financial move.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/economy/2023/06/california-pension-calpers-fossil-fuel/>