# Overview of Annual Research Topics/Literature Review

May 2023

# **Upcoming Events**

John Burton Advocates for Youth. June 6, 2023, 3-5:00 PM. JBay Monthly Free Self-Filing Tax Event for Transition Age Youth.

Link to Registration

https://jbay.org/events/self-filing-2023/

## **Adult Welfare:**

Cal Matters. May 21, 2023. Thomas Curwan. Deep in the Weeds: California Counties Face Unknowns in Launching Mental Illness Court.

#### Link to Article:

https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2023-05-21/counties-scramble-care-court-preparations?utm id=98380&sfmc id=2496921

Los Angeles Times. May 31, 2023. Opinion – David Super. Debt Ceiling Deal's 'Work Requirements' Really Just Take Food Away from Poor People. The article explores concerns about the elderly and poor getting the benefit they need and work requirements that are not reasonable.

#### Link to Article:

https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2023-05-31/debt-ceiling-deal-work-requirements-food-stamps-nutrition-assistance-biden-mccarthy

## **Child Welfare**

Los Angeles Times: May 1, 2023. Decades of Failures Leave Los Angeles County Facing up to \$3 Billion in Sex Abuse Claims. The article discusses California Legislators preparing to pass a law providing victims of childhood sexual abuse a new window to file lawsuits.

#### Link to Article:

https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2023-05-01/la-county-prepares-for-litigation-sexual-abuse-lawsuits

Los Angeles Times: May 23, 2023. Doug Smith. A Public-Private Model Would End the Foster Care to Homelessness Pipeline, Study Suggest. The article discusses a financial model that depends on grants and a moderate return on investments from more than \$100 billion in endowments to provide stability to 1,140 youth leaving foster care each year.

https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2023-05-23/philanthropy-proposes-a-public-private-m-to-end-the-foster-care-to-homelessness-pipeline?consumer=googlenews

Alliance for Children's Rights. May 2023. Steps on the Path to Racial Justice and Equity in Child Welfare. New Report Highlights California's Progress in Addressing Child Welfare System's Racial Inequities

# Link to Report:

https://allianceforchildrensrights.org/wp-content/uploads/2023RacialEquityReportUpdate.pdf

John Burton Advocates for Youth. May 25, 2023. The Golden Ticket: JBAY Unveils College Planning Resources for Foster Youth.

#### Link to Resources:

https://jbay.org/golden-ticket/

John Burton Advocates for Youth. May 10, 2023. From Foster Care to Financial Awareness: Empowering Youth Through Tax Filing Assistance. The article demonstrates how tax filing assistance empowers those who came from foster care.

#### Link to Article:

https://jbay.org/empowering-youth-through-tax-filing-assistance/

# **Drought**

CalMatters. May 24, 2023. Alastair Bland. Colorado River Deal, What Does it Mean for California. The article discusses how Southern California growers agreed to use less water through 2026 and receive federal funds in return. But it is not a long-term solution to the Colorado River's water woes.

#### Link to Article:

https://calmatters.org/environment/water/2023/05/colorado-river-states-agreement/

## **Health:**

Los Angeles Times: May 11, 2023. Opinion Piece, Editorial Board. The Covid 19 Pandemic Emergency is Over, but Virus is Still Here. The opinion piece discusses the state of emergency may be over, the virus is still with us and people are still dying.

#### Link to Article:

https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2023-05-11/editorial-the-covid-19-pandemic-emergency-is-over-but-virus-is-still-here

Los Angeles Times. April 8, 2023. Ron Gong-Gon Lin II & Luke Money. Los Angeles County Ends Covid 19 Vaccine Requirements for Employees. The article discusses the conclusion of the Employee vaccination requirement.

#### Link to Article:

https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2023-04-07/l-a-county-ends-covid-19-vaccine-requirements-for-employees

## **Poverty**:

CalMatters. May 1, 2023. Marisa Kendal. California's Next Housing Crackdown Could Force Cities to Plan More Homeless Shelters. The article advised that California cities of every size lack shelter beds for the homeless. A new bill would force local governments to do more and punish ones that do not plan housing for the homeless.

https://calmatters.org/housing/2023/05/california-homeless-housing-bill/

CalMatters. May 2, 2023. Matt Levin, Manuela Tobias & Jackie Botts. California Homeless Crisis Explained, Update from December 2022.

Link to Article.

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

CalMatters. May 3, 2023. Lynn La. Flipping Burgers and Living on California's Streets. The Article discussed the Fast-Food Industry has the highest percentage of homeless workers in the state.

#### Link to Article:

https://calmatters.org/newsletters/whatmatters/2023/05/california-homeless-fast-food/

CalMatters. May 16, 2023. Lauren Helper. I am a hostage': Why California's COVID Unemployment Mess is not Over Yet. The article discusses California Worker being denied pandemic-era jobless benefits are still struggling with debt and stress.

https://calmatters.org/economy/2023/05/california-edd-unemployment-appeals/

# **Other Topics:**

#### **CARE Court**

Los Angeles Times. May 21, 2023. Thomas Curwen. California Counties Face Unknowns in Launching Mental Illness Court. The article discusses the unknowns the seven counties launching the program face from their workforce issues and impacts on participants.

#### Link to Article

https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2023-05-21/counties-scramble-care-court-preparations

Los Angeles Times. May 26, 2023. Doug Smith. Choosing Care Over Charges. The article discusses the program in Los Angeles, Care Court, where defendant's choose care over prosecution.

### Link to Article:

https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2023-05-26/l-a-criminal-court-program-diverts-mentally-ill-offenders-from-prosecution