

Overview of Annual Research Topics/Literature Review

January 2023

Upcoming Events

CWLA. Crisis Assessment and Intervention When Trauma Strikes: Series focuses on Approaches to Foster Hope, Collaboration, and Change. February 7, 14, 21 & 28 at 1:00 pm ET. Four-part skills-based training will feature conversation needed to assess and intervene when trauma and tragedy strike.

Link to Registration:

<https://community.cwla.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=1699328&group=>

John Burton Advocates for Youth Reproductive Health Equity Project. Virtual Conference. February 16, 2023.

Link to Conference Information.

<https://fosterreprohealth.org/rhepcon23/>

Adult Welfare:

US News. January 17, 2023. Elaine K. Howley. Antipsychotic Drugs in Nursing Homes. The article discusses antipsychotic medications in nursing homes and that they are sometimes misused.

Link to Article

<https://health.usnews.com/health-news/best-nursing-homes/articles/antipsychotic-use-in-nursing-homes>

Child Welfare:

CalMatters. January 5, 2023. Guest Commentary, Christine Stoner-Mertz. No More Excuses. California Must Prioritize Children in Foster Care. The commentary discusses 60,000 children in the California Foster Care System. It says State leaders have failed to make progress or increase support for them, and that 2023 this needs to be a priority.

Link to Commentary:

<https://calmatters.org/commentary/2023/01/foster-care-welfare-child-youth/>

Dessert News. January 28, 2023. Sydnee Gonzalez. Utah Indian Child Welfare Act Bill Held up In Committee. The Utah House Judiciary Committee voted to hold a bill fashioned after the Indian child Welfare Act to offer protections during adoption and the foster care process.

Link to Article:

<https://www.deseret.com/utah/2023/1/28/23575656/utah-indian-child-welfare-act-bill-held-up>

Berkeley/Tay Articles/Published John Burton Advocates for Youth, Newsletters. January 31, 2023. Keunhye Park, Mark E. Courtney & Anthony Gomez. Psychotropic Medication Use and Attitudes Among Transition-Age Youth. The findings in the briefing include the “proportion of TAY taking psychotropic medication dropped as youth reached the age of majority”.

Link to Article:

<https://ccwip.berkeley.edu/tay/articles-memos/Psychotropic%20Medication%20Brief.pdf>

Drought

CalMatters. January 30, 2023. Ben Christopher. Deal or No Deal (Colorado River Edition). Seven States, to include California have until Tuesday to hammer out a deal to cut their voracious thirst for Colorado River water by up to 30%.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/newsletters/2023/01/california-drought-colorado-river-deal/>

Immigration:

CalMatters. January 27, 2023. Wendy Fry. More than a Million Undocumented Immigrants Gained Driver's Licenses in California. The article discusses the expansion of the Safe and Responsible Drivers Act, which gave undocumented residents a license to drive, the State is expanding this program.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/california-divide/2023/01/drivers-licenses-undocumented-immigrants/>

Health:

CalMatters. January 20, 2023. Ana B. Ibarra & Nicole Foy. After Madera's Hospital Closure, Could Other Follow? The article discussed Madera's Hospital closure, the article suggests other hospital across the state may suffer the same fate.

<https://calmatters.org/health/2023/01/hospital-closure/>

Poverty:

CalMatters. January 10, 2022. Sameea Kamal. California's Unhoused in the Eye of the Storm. The article discusses two unhoused people that were found deceased from trees that collapsed on their tents.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/newsletters/whatmatters/2023/01/california-homeless-storms/>

CalMatters. January 10, 2022. Kristen Hwang. New Rules to Let Inmates Enroll in Medi-Cal Before they Leave Prison. The article discusses inmates being eligible for Medi-Cal after they are release from Prison. The former inmates have long waits before their health services begin; this is expected to improve care and use of emergency room services.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/health/2023/01/medi-cal-eligibility/>

Los Angeles Times. January 10, 2022. Rebecca Ellis. Los Angeles County is Poised to Declare State of Emergency Over Homelessness Crisis. The article advised that Karen Bass, Mayor declared the homelessness crisis a citywide state of emergency. The Board of Supervisors is expected to do the same today.

Link to Article.

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2023-01-10/county-state-of-emergency-homelessness>

San Diego Union Tribune. January 8, 2023. Kristen Taketa. The State is Supposed to Help families Afford Child Care. But Few Qualify for Help, and Most of those Who do, are Not Being Served. The article discusses California's Child Care does reaches only a fraction of families who need it; the system is falling short.

Link to Article.

<https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/education/story/2023-01-08/california-subsidized-child-care-crisis-families-aid>

Spotlight On Poverty – California. Data Sheet on California Poverty Areas.

Link to Overview:

<https://spotlightonpoverty.org/states/california/>

Press Democrat. January 13, 2023. Liam Dillon and Ben Oreskes. Gimme Shelter: Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass on Homelessness and the California Housing Crisis. Karen Bass had an interview with reporters and discuss gentrification and proposition 13.

Link to Article:

<https://www.pressdemocrat.com/article/news/gimme-shelter-los-angeles-mayor-karen-bass-on-homelessness-and-the-califor/>

CalMatters. January 30, 2023. Jeanne Kuang. Thieves Drain Millions off CalFresh and CalWORKS Recipient's Cards, Families Wait and Taxpayer Pay. The article discusses EBT cards and that they lack security features common to credit/debit cards. The State plans to upgrade the system after millions has been lost tied to fraud.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/california-divide/ca-divide-public-assistance/2023/01/calfresh-calworks-thefts/>

Pension/Social Security:

Orange County Register. January 8, 2023. Editorial Board. The Pension Tsunami is Far from Over. The article discusses Pension debts have remained a challenge at all levels of government.

Link to Article:

<https://www.ocregister.com/2023/01/08/the-pension-tsunami-is-far-from-over-in-california/>

Workforce:

AARP. January 2023. Lona Choi-Alum. High on Priority List for Older Workers: Meaningful Employment and Flexibility.

Link to Article:

<https://www.aarp.org/research/topics/economics/info-2023/multicultural-work-jobs-study-2023.html?CMP=RDRCT-PRI-WORKJOBS-112822>