

Overview of Annual Research Topics/Literature Review

September 2023

Upcoming Events

John Burton Advocates for Youth. State Investment in Housing for Foster Youth: Assessing Recent Progress and Identifying Remaining Challenges. November 15, 2023. 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM.

Link to Registration:

<https://jbay.org/events/state-investment-housing/>

John Burton Advocates for Youth. Teen Talk YAS. Free Virtual Sex Ed for Youth in Foster Care. September 25 through October 5, 2023. October 9 through 20, February 12 through 23. Check the flyer for more detailed information.

Link to Registration:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/18g8n6dwL2E4vg8FCvfWdrsVh_ULzAq1d/view?pli=1

John Burton Advocates for Youth. Get Ready, Get Set: File! JBAY “Train-the Trainers” to Boost Utilization of the Foster Youth Tax Credit. November 1, 2023. 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM.

Link to Registration:

<https://jbay.org/events/get-ready-file/>

Child Welfare

California Opportunity Youth Data Report; Prepared New Ways to Work. FY 2022. Robert M. Sainz & Ari Malka. The purpose of the report was to provide a high-level overview of California's disconnected, or "Opportunity Youth" population.

Link to Report:

<https://laoyc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/California-Data-Report-2.pdf>

Los Angeles Times. September 1, 2023. Hannah Wiley. California Child Sex Trafficking Bill that Divided Democrats Clears Hurdle. The article discusses the amended version of Senate Bill 14, and that it would add sex trafficking of minors to the list of felonies classified as serious under California's penal code.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2023-09-01/california-child-sex-trafficking-shannon-grove-democrats-prison-bill-sb-14>

Los Angeles Times. September 25, 2023. Newsom Signs Child Sex Trafficking Bill that Exposed Cracks in Prison Reform Efforts. The bill caused a divide over how to manage crimes that disproportionately affect women and children.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2023-09-25/california-child-sex-trafficking-bill-signed-gavin-newsom-shannon-grove-democrats-criminal-justice-reform>

The Imprint. September 5, 2023. Jill Duerr Berrick & Paul S. DiLorenzo. The Questions That Must Be Answered. Any Ideal to Replace Child Welfare Must Include What Comes Next. The article discusses the state of the child welfare system today, from not being able to recruit and retain staff to the use of hotels and agency waiting rooms.

Link to Article:

<https://imprintnews.org/opinion/the-questions-that-must-be-answered/244119>

Los Angeles Times. August 28, 2023. California Offers Lifeline to 17 Trouble Hospitals. The article discusses that Madera is being offered \$52 million in interest free loans, and sixteen others are being offered \$240.5 in interest free loans.

Link to Article:

[HTTPS://WWW.LATIMES.COM/CALIFORNIA/STORY/2023-08-25/CALIFORNIA-LIFELINE-17-HOSPITALS](https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2023-08-25/california-lifeline-17-hospitals)

New York Times. September 13, 2023. Miriam Jordan. Federal Judge Again Rules DACA is Illegal. A federal judge in Texas rejected the Biden Administrations efforts to save the DACA program, saying the changes made are unlawful.

Link to Article:

[HTTPS://WWW.NYTIMES.COM/2023/09/13/US/DACA-IMMIGRATION-RULING.HTML](https://www.nytimes.com/2023/09/13/us/daca-immigration-ruling.html)

Children's Now. September 2023. A Statewide Approach to Strengthen Home Visiting in California. The report focuses on Statewide Home Visiting programs. Fresno County is included in the report.

Link to Report.

[HTTPS://WWW.CHILDRENNOW.ORG/WP-CONTENT/UPLOADS/2023/09/A-STATEWIDE-APPROACH-TO-STRENGTHENING-HOME-VISITING.PDF](https://www.childrennow.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/A-STATEWIDE-APPROACH-TO-STRENGTHENING-HOME-VISITING.PDF)

Poverty:

Cal Matters. September 13, 2023. Dan Walters. California Keeps its Title as Having the Nation's Highest Poverty Rate. The article discusses California holds the position as having the worst poverty of any state. This is attributed to high living costs and a large low-income underclass.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/commentary/2023/09/california-poverty-rate/#:~:text=The%20Public%20Policy%20Institute%20of,in%20poverty%20or%200near%2Dpoverty.>

Cal Matters. September 18, 2023. Shreya Agrawal. Thousands of Californians are Losing Medi-Cal Every Month. What to Do if You Lose Coverage. The article discusses California's who have lost Medi-Cal (about 300,000) and what your options are if you get notice about your coverage.

Link to Article:

https://calmatters.org/health/2023/09/what-to-do-if-you-lose-medi-cal-health-insurance/?utm_source=CalMatters+Newsletters&utm_campaign=c22b4df296-WEEKLYMATTERS&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_faa7be558d-43f103826f-%5BLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D&mc_cid=c22b4df296&mc_eid=6a04648e3d

US News. September 25, 2023. Cara Mures. Unsafe Neighborhoods Have Higher Levels of Child Abuse. The article discusses the findings that when parents feel higher levels of stress or hopelessness about their surroundings, they may have a harder time caring for their children.

Link to Article:

<https://www.usnews.com/news/health-news/articles/2023-09-25/unsafe-neighborhoods-have-higher-levels-of-child-abuse>

US Census. September 2023. The article discusses Income, Poverty and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States, 2022

Link to Article:

<HTTPS://WWW.CENSUS.GOV/NEWSROOM/PRESS-RELEASES/2023/INCOME-POVERTY-HEALTH-INSURANCE-COVERAGE.HTML>

Los Angeles Times. September 26, 2023. Opinion: Federal Funding for Child Care is About to Fall off a Cliff. The article discusses thirty-nine billion in federal child-care funds are set to expire. It went on to discuss the implications that include potential increase in childcare costs of 15% or more, and people may need to leave the workforce.

Link to Article:

<HTTPS://WWW.LATIMES.COM/OPINION/STORY/2023-09-26/CHILD-CARE-PAYMENTS-CONGRESS-FUNDING>

Other Topics:

Cal Matters: September 12, 2023. Sameea Kamal. This Bill Could Give Californians an Ally on Public Record Requests. The article discussed this bill would create a state ombudsperson to intervene when public records requests are denied.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/politics/2023/09/california-public-records-2/>