

Disability and Abuse Newsfeed

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This week's collection of articles has an unusual array of articles! Check the categories below for a guide. As usual, the categories are indicated by type, followed by the number of the article.

Sexual Assault: 2, 6, 12

Physical Abuse: 5, 8, 11 (61-another type of physical "abuse")

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ABUSE

- 1. Elderly in Little Rock care facility removed; DHS cites many home violations.** Three elderly, underfed Little Rock residents were removed from a caretaker's home after she refused to open the door for state inspectors. arkasonline.com, April 14 (Arkansas) <https://is.gd/JqsP7z>
- 2. California Group Home Liable for Millions in Case of Abused Boy.** A jury hit FamiliesFirst, one of California's largest mental health care providers, for neglect and fraud. propublica.org, April 17 (California) <https://is.gd/QUNJ1a>
- 3. Death of Autistic, Emaciated Hartford Teen Ruled Homicide: OCME.** The death of a severely autistic and emaciated 17-year-old boy in Hartford has been ruled a homicide, according to the Office of Chief Medical Examiner. nbconnecticut.com, April 18 (Connecticut) <https://is.gd/97dsxF>
- 4. Military family says TRICARE plans to repossess son's electric wheelchair after losing coverage.** Christian Mueller, 23, has Ehlers Danlos Syndrome, a genetic connective tissue

disorder. "Walking around isn't the easiest thing for me," he said. It is a progressive disease and he knows it will eventually get worse. firstcoastnews.com, April 14 (Florida) <https://is.gd/9ytGzJ>

- 5. Mom films autistic 10-year-old's arrest at school.** Then he spent the night in jail. A Florida mother filmed the arrest of her 10-year-old son as school resource deputies handcuffed him and took him away. The boy, who has autism, is accused of battery of a school employee in Okeechobee County because he kicked a teacher last November. The offense is a third-degree felony. miamiherald.com, April 18 (Florida) <https://is.gd/zs4B7q>
- 6. Eastern Iowa teacher charged with failure to report abuse.** The teacher of an eastern Iowa classroom where a 15-year-old volunteer sexually abused kindergartners now faces charges. dailyprogress.com, April 15 (Iowa) <https://is.gd/QG2YoQ>
- 7. Teacher assaulted by student in special education program at Blue Valley Service Center.** A teacher was injured after being assaulted by a student in a special education program at the Blue Valley Service Center on Monday. fox4kc.com, April 17 (Kansas) <https://is.gd/2RQJX3>
- 8. Retired St. Paul cop, boxer guilty of assaulting boy in group home.** A former St. Paul police officer was found guilty Friday on malicious punishment of a child and fifth-degree assault charges for shoving and striking a teen last year at a group home where he worked as a counselor. twincities.com, April 14 (Minnesota) <https://is.gd/EwSlmM>
- 9. Lee County woman sentenced to prison for embezzling vulnerable adult.** A Lee County woman is sentenced to prison for embezzlement and ordered to pay \$162,000 in restitution to the victim. wjtv.com, April 17 (Mississippi) <https://is.gd/DNwtkl>
- 10. Woman, 83, lost \$50,000 and police say her granddaughter's to blame.** Police have arrested a woman they say exploited her 83-year-old grandmother by spending at least \$50,000 of her money. sunherald.com, April 19 (Mississippi) <https://is.gd/XMl3an>
- 11. Day care owner charged after shocking abuse caught on cam.** The owner of a Nebraska day care center was arrested after a shocking video surfaced showing her abusing a 4-year-old girl — striking her repeatedly while screaming at the girl for touching her hair, authorities said. nypost.com, April 17 (Nebraska) <https://is.gd/WAQCeH>
- 12. Sexual Abuse at Choate Went On for Decades, School Acknowledges .** Choate Rosemary Hall, the elite Connecticut boarding school, said on Thursday that at least 12 former teachers had sexually molested — and, in at least one case, raped — students in a pattern of abuse dating to the 1960s. nytimes.com, April 13 (New York) <https://is.gd/mOQTlQ>
- 13. Family of Chesapeake man with brain injury struggled to find him services before his fall to death.** Leslie VanCleave wishes she could erase the image from her mind. It's the moment right after she checked the hotel bed, saw that her 25-year-old son was missing, then checked the bathroom — empty — then the balcony, also deserted. pilotonline.com, April 19 (Ohio) <https://is.gd/TBmfqI>
- 14. Richmond probate judge asks whether lawyers are taking too much from woman's estate.** A contested probate case is raising questions about how a 90-year-old woman from Ohio became involuntarily committed to a Rhode Island assisted-living facility. providencejournal.com, April 19 (Rhode Island) <https://is.gd/paiGnM>

- 15. Woman charged with neglecting daughter.** A Perry woman is accused of leaving her vulnerable 18-year-old daughter on the side of the road. thetandd.com, April 19 (South Carolina) <https://is.gd/lThqc8>
- 16. Virginia paralyzed Army vet bled from feet, found dead in wheelchair.** Virginia authorities are investigating the death of an Army veteran, paralyzed from the waist down, who was found in his wheelchair outside his apartment complex. nbc4i.com, April 17 (Virginia) <https://is.gd/TielmX>
- 17. Deaf Vic man gets 25 years for murder.** A deaf Melbourne man who murdered another by pushing him off a balcony, but was unfit to stand trial, will spend 25 years in custody. 9news.com.au, April 20 (Australia) <https://is.gd/kuAn5Z>

LEGISLATION

- 18. Autism bill gaining momentum, local organization stands behind it.** The Alabama Autism bill, HB 284, passed a House committee vote on Wednesday. However, it still has to pass a full House of Representatives vote. whnt.com, April 16 (Alabama) <https://is.gd/EHZmgp>
- 19. Sarah Gassen: Disabling the civil rights of people with disabilities.** Oh, you pesky folks with disabilities who insist on being able to get around and leave your house just like “normal” people. It’s like you want to live your life or something. Silly you with your expectations that state and federal accessibility laws count. tucson.com, April 16 (Arizona) <https://is.gd/BGyKZ4>
- 20. Arizona legislature acts to curb rash of disability lawsuit abuse.** In recent years, California has been the nation's leader in disability access lawsuits against businesses. A local news report in 2014 found that just 31 plaintiffs had been responsible for more than half of the thousands of lawsuits in the prior ten years. washingtonexaminer.com, April 14 (Arizona) <https://is.gd/HZy3wI>
- 21. Arizona Gov. Ducey To Decide On Bill That Pits Business Rights Against Disability Rights.** A bill touted to help Arizonans with disabilities has passed the state House and Senate and is now ready for the Governor’s signature. But, the blue ink showing the bill’s proposed changes to the state statute actually does very little on behalf of Arizona citizens with disabilities, and a great deal for business owners. kjzz.org, April 18 (Arizona) <https://is.gd/lDWlww>
- 22. My Turn: Arizona's deaf, blind students need state funding help, too.** The Arizona Legislature is deliberating the state budget – including how much is to be allocated to support public education. azcentral.com, April 15 (Arizona) <https://is.gd/eFc2uC>
- 23. Big changes for Prescott’s group homes.** Industry shrinks as it responds to new rules, more investigations. dcourier.com, April 20 (Arizona) <https://is.gd/Jzaidg>
- 24. Director: Fort Smith special education unaffected by court ruling.** Fort Smith Public Schools will not need to alter its special education after a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision regarding students with disabilities, the special education director said. swtimes.com, April 16 (Arkansas) <https://is.gd/K8wpYj>

- 25. Vacaville Police Reaching Out To Help Families With Special-Needs Children.** The Vacaville Police Department is reaching out to families with special needs to help better serve the community and it's making a big difference. sacramento.cbslocal.com, April 13 (California) <https://is.gd/HeGVwF>
- 26. My Daughter Has Autism But Our Special-Ed System Isn't What She Needs.** Mae has a red backpack that I ordered shortly before she started school. time.com, April 17 (California) <https://is.gd/co0eFu>
- 27. Mandated reporters have an important role to play.** Not long ago I received a call from some friends who were concerned about their elderly neighbor. The neighbor (I will call him Bob) was discovered by a friend. Bob had fallen in his home and was unable to get up. toacorn.com, April 13 (California) <https://is.gd/lyX4Gt>
- 28. Long Beach Settles Class Action Suit For ADA Improvements.** Long Beach will spend more than \$125 million over the next three decades to make sidewalks and crosswalks accessible to people with disabilities. gazettes.com, April 14 (California) <https://is.gd/KBRJxl>
- 29. Trial date set as twin challenges disabled brother's husband for guardianship.** Ryan Morris – the 23-year-old disabled man at the center of a novel and bitter battle between his identical twin brother and his husband – was not in court again Tuesday even as a judge set a February trial date to decide who should be entrusted as Morris' legal guardian. ocregister.com, April 18 (California) <https://is.gd/K7cP3o>
- 30. Amputee sues for \$5.3 million after breaking remaining leg.** A man whose right leg was amputated following a lawnmower accident has filed a \$5.36 million lawsuit after he says he broke his remaining leg in a fall during a physical therapy session. mailtribune.com, April 16 (California) <https://is.gd/EQniLg>
- 31. Autistic struggle in Delaware school.** For the Schroeters it was seeing their autistic son get booked for assaulting his teacher. For Jessica Badner, it was seeing her autistic son afraid to go to school for fear he'd be bullied again. hockessincommunitynews.com, April 19 (Delaware) <https://is.gd/SHBQTq>
- 32. Guardianship Fix Heads To Governor's Desk.** A slate of changes to Florida's guardianship law is heading to the governor's desk. The updates legislators want are meant to protect some of the state's most vulnerable residents, but critics worry they're missing the mark. wfsu.org, April 18 (Florida) <https://is.gd/w49zPP>
- 33. Students with intellectual disabilities receive UNF diplomas: 'No lines in the sand'.** In their class video, they mugged for the camera and some of them wore a Superman cape. jacksonville.com, April 20 (Florida) <https://is.gd/uWQcze>
- 34. State says Macon charter school falling short on special-ed services.** state report says Macon's Cirrus Academy Charter school is short-changing its special-needs students. According to the state Department of Education report, they've asked Cirrus to report back to them this week on whether they've got staffing in place to provide services for those students. 13wmaz.com, April 19 (Georgia) <https://is.gd/D5ecdL>
- 35. Personal care home owners or employees rarely face criminal charges.** Many of the most vulnerable Georgians live in hundreds of personal care homes in Georgia, but no state law specifically provides them protection. An investigation by The Augusta Chronicle found

many examples just in Augusta where personal care home residents were left alone, went without food and medicine, and at least in one case was left in his own waste, locked inside a dark room. chronicle.augusta.com, April 15 (Georgia) <https://is.gd/5MZSBr>

36. Advocates warn Medicaid block-grant proposals could hurt Idahoans with disabilities.

About 30 advocates for people with disabilities gathered across the street from the Capitol on Wednesday to oppose proposals to turn Medicaid into a block grant program to states – saying it will harm Idahoans with disabilities. spokesman.com, April 19 (Idaho)

<https://is.gd/UhQl6R>

37. Disability rights movement defends healthcare; demands to be seen. As part of their ongoing battle for visibility, disability rights advocates here are organizing against policies that they see as existential threats to the affordable housing and healthcare they depend on. peoplesworld.org, April 18 (Illinois) <https://is.gd/HCKzV>

38. Officers save autistic boy from pond, gains his trust. A 12-year-old boy with autism who was chest-deep in a retention pond was rescued by two Columbus police officers who used specialized training to bring him to safety. dailyprogress.com, April 19 (Indiana)

<https://is.gd/AE89gF>

39. Louisiana families must give up special education rights for school vouchers. The New York Times reports that in several states, students give up their rights to special education services if they accept a government voucher to attend a private school. That's true in Louisiana, too. thelensnola.org, April 19 (Louisiana) <https://is.gd/WqYllm>

40. Budget Supports Special Education and Small Class Size. The Mattapoisett School Committee held a public hearing for the FY 2018 school budget prior to their regular meeting on April 10 at Center School. The public hearing was sparsely attended; however, the debate generated by a single attendee was significant. wanderer.com, April 18 (Massachusetts) <https://is.gd/ngZrQw>

41. Legislature Votes to Help Identify People With Special Needs. Legislation designed to help identify lost or injured people with special needs will soon reach Gov. Rick Snyder. usnews.com, April 19 (Michigan) <https://is.gd/i3cqm6>

42. Minnesota governor aims to renovate psychiatric institution. Officials at the Minnesota Security Hospital in St. Peter say the prison-like psychiatric institution needs upgrades to protect staff from the state's most acutely mentally ill and dangerous patients. austindailyherald.com, April 17 (Minnesota) <https://is.gd/Cr7Tj7>

43. New Vocational Rehabilitation funding is crucial for Minnesotans with disabilities.

Minnesota's Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) program empowers Minnesotans with disabilities by providing employment services such as job counseling, training, job search assistance, and job placement services. minnpost.com, April 14 (Minnesota)

<https://is.gd/4Qce5R>

44. West County firefighters gift new deck, ramp for girl with special needs. When we first introduced you to Willow Schreiber, getting around her house in Ballwin everyday was a challenge. fox2now.com, April 17 (Missouri) <https://is.gd/Ua7Z3X>

- 45. Sexual orientation language debate could make Nebraska unique.** Nebraska may become the only state where sexual orientation isn't mentioned in anti-discrimination codes for licensed psychologists. journalstar.com, April 15 (Nebraska) <https://is.gd/X7h4bf>
- 46. NYPD Launches Pilot Program to Help Officers Communicate With Deaf People.** Officers in three precincts will get assistance in communicating with Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing (DHH) people as part of a 12-week NYPD pilot program starting Monday, according to officials. dnainfo.com/new-york, April 18 (New York) <https://is.gd/cZzhNH>
- 47. New York Falls Short in Resettling Mentally Ill Adults, Angering Judge.** Four years ago, after more than a decade of litigation and negotiation, New York State officials agreed that the system of often dismal and dangerous adult homes was no place for the mentally ill. nytimes.com, April 14 (New York) <https://is.gd/6jhf3T>
- 48. Chambers look to reconcile difference in takeover of county social services.** Both chambers of the legislature have passed bills for the state to take over payment of county social services, now they need to reconcile differences. kfyrtv.com, April 19 (North Dakota) <https://is.gd/lzGZwm>
- 49. U.S. Rep. Jim Jordan talks policy with leaders from 10 county DD boards.** U.S. Rep. Jim Jordan (R-Urbana) met with representatives from 10 county boards of developmental disabilities (DD) on Tuesday to discuss how national policies could affect local DD support programs. norwalkreflector.com, April 16 (Ohio) <https://is.gd/mM4NQa>
- 50. Developmentally disabled get budget victory.** Ohio's low-income families with a member who has a developmental disability are celebrating a recent move by state legislators to revise the governor's budget proposal. bryantimes.com, April 15 (Ohio) <https://is.gd/GHZZvy>
- 51. Firefighters call attack by Goshen Twp. group home girls 'personal.'** Firefighters from Damascus and Green Township will not go to the Village Network group home without a police escort. wkbn.com, April 18 (Ohio) <https://is.gd/fofMZT>
- 52. Restraint, seclusion bill dies in current session.** An attempt to ban the use of methods to physically restrain schoolchildren or confine them in seclusion rooms has failed in this year's legislature. statesmanjournal.com, April 17 (Oregon) <https://is.gd/tuzynP>
- 53. Judge halts DHS cuts to in-home care for disabled Oregonians.** The Oregon Department of Human Services has temporarily halted cuts to in-home care services for people living with disabilities. ktvz.com, April 19 (Oregon) <https://is.gd/n6LAcG>
- 54. Disabled wait after feds delay SC program application 10 times.** Federal officials have delayed approving renewal of a key disabilities program used by thousands in South Carolina 10 times over the past two years, asking almost 600 questions in the process, officials say. greenvilleonline.com, April 13 (South Carolina) <https://is.gd/ipfJzN>
- 55. Court case furthers disability rights.** The legal definition of disability is up for debate again after the Supreme Court found that Texas used outdated definitions of intellectual disability in a capital case. idsnews.com, April 17 (Texas) <https://is.gd/GdXxaS>
- 56. Senate OKs bill to ban state from imposing limit on special education students.** The Texas Senate moved Wednesday to ban state officials from ever again imposing a cap on the

percentage of students allowed to receive special education services.

houstonchronicle.com, April 19 (Texas) <https://is.gd/zuNc7B>

57. Don't take away city rights to provide transportation options for all. Safe and accessible transportation for all should be a priority for Texas. Access to reliable transportation is critically important for individuals with disabilities who depend on them for transportation to and from their daily activities and to lead independent lives. tribtalk.org, April 17 (Texas) <https://is.gd/vDD7KI>

58. Family of son diagnosed with autism, school district await ruling. Killeen Independent School District and a KISD family are now awaiting a June 22 ruling related to a special education, due process hearing that concluded Monday. kdhnews.com April 19 (Texas) <https://is.gd/P19zh6>

59. HISD Hires Outside Group To Audit Its Special Education Services. Houston's special education services will get an outside look. The HISD school board hired a third-party nonprofit to audit the services for disabled children at its meeting Thursday night. houstonpublicmedia.org, April 14 (Texas) <https://is.gd/VX3pJY>

60. Cheyenne families respond to autistic teen being charged with unlawful contact. Many parents – in fact, it's probably safe to say most – will instinctively fight for their children when they feel they've been hurt, wronged or otherwise need protecting. wyomingnews.com, April 16 (Wyoming) <https://is.gd/lcoB3r>

61. Debate over use of antidepressant meds for kids. DATA from the Department of Human Services has found children as young as two are being prescribed antidepressant drugs, a practice that has divided mental health professionals. couriermail.com.au, April 20 (Australia) <https://is.gd/RQf9tW>

62. Canada Push To Allow Mentally Ill Euthanasia. Euthanasia/assisted suicide is NOT about terminal illness. The issue is about normalizing killing as a response to human suffering. nationalreview.com, April 18 (Canada) <https://is.gd/O5mgny>

63. Government urged to review requirements for special needs assistants. Impact trade union members have called on the Department of Education to carry out a full review of the entry level requirements for special needs assistants (SNAs), as the current requirements fail to reflect the work being done by 15,000 SNAs to support children with complex and diverse medical needs. irishtimes.com, April 19 (Ireland) <https://is.gd/v651SD>

64. Patients with mental illness being treated in 'dirty and dangerous' units. Patients treated for mental illness are forced to endure run down and dirty conditions in some hospital psychiatric units, including missing doors, and unclean toilets and sinks. .independent.ie, April 14 (Ireland) <https://is.gd/4qLf95>

IMPROVED SUPPORTS

65. Security company says officers do not put patients in restraints. The security company under contract with Greenville Memorial Hospital says its officers do not put patients in restraints and only assist medical personnel to apply them. greenvilleonline.com, April 16 (Alabama) <https://is.gd/lggX6w>

- 66. Group for UMN grad students with disabilities gets funding.** Sarah Huebner found nothing when she looked for a support network and community of graduate students with disabilities. mndaily.com, April 20 (Minnesota) <https://is.gd/NHhswe>
- 67. New York City's free WiFi kiosks speed up access to social services.** When New York City launched its LinkNYC gigabit free WiFi program last year, it was a win for internet accessibility. With over 800 devices currently spread across New York City, the kiosks provide municipal broadband for anyone in WiFi range, as well as charging outlets, free phone calls, maps and directions, 911 access and a built-in tablet anyone can use. engadget.com, April 14 (New York) <https://is.gd/W4r46e>
- 68. Robot Helps Schoolchildren With Autism Cope.** Children with autism struggle with social skills, and often with school. But now there is a new high-tech tool that helps the kids learn – in the form of a human-like robot. newyork.cbslocal.com, April 20 (New York) <https://is.gd/SR8C0v>

INTERNATIONAL

- 69. Deaf technicians find inspiration with Hong Kong events company after lifetime of discrimination.** Wong Yat-ming, Moi Yung-chiao and Sher Por, all in their 60s, say disability-friendly employer has given them new lease on life after years of menial work. scmp.com, April 19 (China) <https://is.gd/mE3zKG>
- 70. UN slams Cyprus over disability rights.** The United Nations (UN) has released a damning report in the way Cyprus for failing to implement the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) in-cyprus.com April 20 (Cyprus) <https://is.gd/qC64sS>
- 71. The Danish beermakers brewing up work for autistic people.** With its collection of small vessels and hoses, plain tiled floor and bags of malt, the workplace of People Like Us in Skippinge, Denmark, is a typical brewing scene. theguardian.com, April 17 (Denmark) <https://is.gd/98hf1B>
- 72. Carer who 'made fun' of intellectually disabled woman's painting loses employment case.** A Canterbury care worker who was accused of making fun of an artwork painted by her disabled charge has lost a case against her employer. Helen Thomas complained to the Employment Relations Authority that she had been unjustifiably disadvantaged in her job due to the way the incident was dealt with. nzherald.co.nz, April 18 (New Zealand) <https://is.gd/S45Ohs>
- 73. Expanding job opportunities for persons with disabilities urged.** In connection with promoting abilities and supporting dignified living, a job fair 2017 for persons with disabilities held under the LC Disability and Development Programme (LCDDP) Pakistan here on Thursday. pakobserver.net, April 14 (Pakistan) <https://is.gd/oESpel>
- 74. Swinney refuses outright ban on isolation rooms in schools.** Tayside mum Beth Morrison has been campaigning for the practice to be abolished, in line with the recommendations of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child. thecourier.co.uk, April 21 (Scotland) <https://is.gd/2uJfjp>

- 75. Eureka native starts program for students with special needs living in Thailand.** When Eureka native Lori Bronder Boll began teaching overseas more than two decades ago, she was thrilled to experience the educational system abroad, but dismayed to find out that children with special learning needs were often left without a place to school. times-standard.com, April 15 (Thailand) <https://is.gd/YB1QnD>
- 76. Arab national gets 10 years for sexually abusing handicapped girl.** An Arab national was sentenced to ten years in prison for sexually abusing a handicapped girl, according to Al Bayan newspaper. gdnonline.com, April 19 (UAE) <https://is.gd/mpaJQl>
- 77. Charged with false imprisonment and causing GBH to a vulnerable person.** A man has been charged with eight counts of fraud, wounding with intent, robbery and false imprisonment after a series of incidents in Devon. devonlive.com, April 20 (UK) <https://is.gd/rEBgPT>
- 78. Mum fears her autistic daughter will starve because Tesco have stopped selling the only food she eats – Alphabet Shapes.** A MUM fears her autistic daughter will starve to death after Tesco discontinued the only dinner she will eat – potato alphabet shapes. thesun.co.uk, April 14 (UK) <https://is.gd/XFP6qA>
- 79. Desperate single mother begs council to send her violent autistic son, nine, to a specialist boarding school before he 'kills someone'.** A single mother is begging for help for her nine-year-old autistic son who violently attacks her every day before he ends up in prison - or 'kills someone'. dailymail.co.uk, April 16 (UK) <https://is.gd/ThCG5A>
- 80. Rogue landlords exploiting vulnerable people by offering 'sex for rent' in England.** Rogue landlords are exploiting vulnerable people by offering free accommodation in exchange for sex, charities have warned. They say the deals take advantage of those unable to afford spiraling rents and "go as close to the edge of the law ... without breaking [it]," according to Daily Mail. nzherald.co.nz April 14 (UK) <https://is.gd/XVys5u>
- 81. Mum shares distressing footage of autistic son, 10, being HANDCUFFED and arrested at school after allegedly punching staff member.** Distressing footage of a 10-year-old autistic boy being arrested has emerged causing anger online after his mother posted it on Facebook. mirror.co.uk, April 16 (UK) <https://is.gd/Ownk4U>
- 82. Schoolgirl, 16, says she has been left wheelchair-bound after being given the controversial HPV jab.** A teenage schoolgirl is the latest to claim she has been left wheelchair-bound following a controversial cancer jab. dailymail.co.uk, April 16 (UK) <https://is.gd/TP3rcN>

MISCELLANEOUS

- 83. Yes, People With Disabilities Have Sex & Deserve Sex Ed.** For those people lucky enough to get some form of sex ed in school — rather than the disaster that is abstinence-only education — it most likely was limited to penetrative sex between an able-bodied man and woman. sheknows.com, April 18 <https://is.gd/c9M4eK>
- 84. What you think you know about autism might be a lie.** Dr. Joseph Buxbaum of Mount Sinai Health System debunks the most common myths and misconceptions about autism spectrum disorder (ASD). metro.us, April 17 <https://is.gd/i7CytX>

- 85. Anti-depressant use before, during pregnancy tied to autism risk.** Antidepressant use right before and during pregnancy may be linked with a higher risk of an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) in children, hints a new analysis of past research. whtc.com, April 17 <https://is.gd/97dsxF>
- 86. Taking Antidepressants During Pregnancy Is Safer Than Previously Thought, According to a Study.** Although estimates put rates of depression among pregnant women as high as 20 percent, questions remain about whether women should take antidepressants during pregnancy. nymag.com, April 18 <https://is.gd/FIMGAP>
- 87. Editorial: 'People with disabilities' doesn't do group justice.** We really need to come up with a better term for "people with disabilities." The expression is dismissive of the abilities possessed by the vast majority of people it addresses. heraldbulletin.com, April 16 <https://is.gd/IDIMdq>
- 88. PD: Woman flees in wheelchair with stolen bag from Sky Harbor Airport.** A woman has been arrested after stealing a bag from a luggage carousel at Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport. Phoenix police report that on April 16 a woman, later identified as 51-year-old Karen Lee Camacho, was seen in Terminal Four rolling around in a wheelchair and taking luggage off a carousel. abc15.com, April 20 (Arizona) <https://is.gd/jcma7h>
- 89. Autistic employees: 'We're a good return on investment'.** Employees who find themselves on the autism spectrum would like employers and candidates alike to see the value of applicants like them. bizjournals.com, April 18 (California) <https://is.gd/VBUcRO>
- 90. Son with special needs, 27, 'stabs parents - killing his mother - and then barricades himself in their home in three-hour standoff with police.** A 27-year-old man with special needs has been arrested after reportedly stabbing his parents at their New Jersey home on Tuesday. dailymail.co.uk, April 19 (New Jersey) <https://is.gd/MSaJA4>
- 91. Family wants more answers, transparency from a local group home.** The Adams adopted their daughter Wendy when she was four. The now 48-year-old is blind and non-verbal. wivb.com, April 18 (New York) <https://is.gd/ZvZBap>
- 92. Restraint and seclusion: struggle or safety?** When Ed Wagner looks at his daughter, he sees a child who loves to sing, and play tag on the playground. But school officials see a girl whose behavior is often harmful — scratching, spitting, biting, pushing, punching, kicking, slapping, throwing materials, using objects as weapons and making threats to staff and students. statesmanjournal.com, April 14 (Oregon) <https://is.gd/KheR9Q>
- 93. The White House Turned Blue for "Autism Awareness."** That's Actually Bad for Autistic People. Earlier this month, the White House was drenched in blue light, a gesture of support for the Autism Speaks campaign for Autism Awareness Month. motherjones.com, April 17 (Washington DC) <https://is.gd/PQ77fj>
- 94. Man takes friend in wheelchair on 500-mile journey.** Justin Skeesuck was struck with the idea to trek Spain's Camino de Santiago trail after watching a travel show about the pilgrimage route. daytondailynews.com, April 17 (Idaho) <https://is.gd/D5ecdL>
- 95. Play aims at promoting respect for those with disabilities.** A show with a message. More than two dozen actors and actresses held a dress rehearsal Thursday for the play "That's Not My Name: Respect Matters." wdaz.com, April 13 (North Dakota) <https://is.gd/4ZPHee>

- 96. OSU wants to offer more jobs to Ohioans with disabilities.** With an exclusive partnership, Ohio State University will try to employ more people with disabilities. daytondailynews.com, April 18 (Ohio) <https://is.gd/8mURNn>
- 97. Our biggest disability is stigma.** At 21 years old and holding my dual bachelor's degree in English and secondary education, I was filled with enthusiasm for joining the job market. thestate.com, April 19 (South Carolina) <https://is.gd/7bw3qr>
- 98. Dad gets online love after taking wheelchair-bound son for spin at skate park.** A Utah dad is gaining internet fame after giving his wheelchair bound son the ride of his life at a skate park. The touching video of Phil Van Hise pushing his 5-year-old son Callen in a wheelchair at the West Valley City Skate Park was posted on his wife's Facebook this week, and it's been a big hit with more than 40,000 views. fox5sandiego.com, April 15 (Utah) <https://is.gd/wLCRfT>
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