

# Disability and Abuse Newsfeed

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Articles are listed in alphabetical order by state within each category, so you can easily scan through the articles for those within your state or other states in which you have an interest. *International* articles are near the end. The categories are: *Abuse and Neglect, Guardianship, Laws & Legislation, Studies & Statistics, Improved Supports, International, and sometimes, Miscellaneous.*

Check the categories below for a guide to types of abuse. The categories are indicated by type, and the number of the article.

## **Type:**

### Abuse and Neglect:

Sexual Assault: 1, 6, 8, 9, 15, 20 22, 32, 42, 69, 74, 87, 88 93

Physical Abuse: 3, 4, 6, 7, 12, 24, 26, 27, 30, 31, 38 73, 80, 81, 85, 88, 90

Emotional/Verbal Abuse: 3, 7, 26, 89, 90, 95

Financial abuse: 10, 17, 18, 21 95

Murder: 5, 6, 16, 19, 28, 29, 69, 84

Neglected: 2, 11, 13, 14, 25, 30, 31, 35, 40 & 41 (no bus sent for school)

Kept Enclosed: 14, 36

Restraint: 39 (impact on staff), 71, 79, 92

Related to special education: 3, 4, 7, 12, 15, 25, 36, 90

**WINNER of most egregious award:** 20: Billion-dollar lawsuit for maltreatment in care facility.

**WINNER of “good job” award:** 59: First responders adopt cards to support communication with disabilities; 61: New program makes abuse reporting easier.

**WHO DUN IT** (listed by article number):

Family: 2, 5, 11, 14, 19, 21, 85

Carer: 6, 10, 13, 16, 20, 26, 29, 35, 38, 89

Stranger: 22, 23, 32, 73, 74, 88

Acquaintance: 1, 8, 9

Special education: 12, 115, 30, 36, 90

Hospital: 6, 10, 13, 16, 20, 27, 35, 38, 42, 80, 89

Law enforcement: 24

Support services agency: 17

Men: 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, 15, 21, 22, 23, 28, 31, 32, 85, 87

Women: 5, 14, 17, 18, 19, 29, 81, 90

**Good News:** 37: execution stopped; 50: improvements for air travelers with disabilities; 52: more professions now mandated reporters; 55: airport provides video relay services; 59: improved communication between first responders and people with communication disabilities; 61: new program to improve reporting of abuse.

**Bad News:** 34: TX spent less on special education than required; 59: civil rights of people with disabilities law pending in congress (could have major impact on daily life); 57: voting access problems created and increased for people with disabilities.

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## ABUSE & NEGLECT

1. "Two Charged in Rape, Sodomy of Mentally-Disabled Woman: 1 Jailed, 1 at Large" - Two men have been charged with the rape of a mentally disabled woman in Shelby County. – AL.COM – October 1, 2018 – (Alabama) - <https://is.gd/jTQDAx>
2. "Scottsdale Man Arrested for Abuse of His 92-Year-Old Mother, Who Has Alzheimer's" - A man was arrested after leaving his 92-year-old immobile mother home alone for more than 24 hours in unlivable conditions, according to court documents. – 12 News – October 8, 2018 – (Arizona) - <https://is.gd/LXjzk8>
3. "VIDEO: Special-Needs Student Allegedly Bullied, Assaulted, Police Investigating" - "This type of behavior is not tolerated at any of our schools," the Antelope Valley Union High School District said in a statement. "Appropriate action has been taken with the parties involved by the both the school and law enforcement." – NBC 12 – September 29, 2018 – (California) - <https://is.gd/SGMeOD>
4. "Cruelty After Hitting Autistic Student" - A Maryland man was arrested on charges of child cruelty after hitting an autistic child at a Northwest D.C. school earlier this month. – WTOP- October 7, 2018 – (D.C) <https://is.gd/Gpsg5T>
5. "Duo Implicated in Grandmother's Death Nabbed Near Las Cruces" - Two homicide suspects from Florida were taken into custody at the Border Patrol checkpoint on Interstate 25 north of Las Cruces on Sunday. Arthur Ross Miller, 36, and Vivian Gutierrez, 32, are accused of neglecting Miller's grandmother to the point of death – Las Cruces Sun News – October 5, 2018 – (Florida) - <https://is.gd/Y20L2J>

6. "After Years of Rape, Abuse and Death — Florida Home for Disabled Officially Shuts Down" - The last of its 190 residents moved to a new community-based home over the weekend after years of abuse, violence and death perennially plagued the institution. Miami Herald – October 6, 2018 – (Florida) - <https://is.gd/rtnL3D>
  
7. "Second Federal Lawsuit Filed Against Okaloosa School Board" - A second federal lawsuit has been filed claiming the Okaloosa County School Board, Superintendent Mary Beth Jackson and others tolerated "a historical pattern and practice" of abuse of disabled students and took action to avoid its detection. – NWF Daily News – October 7, 2018 – (Florida) - <https://is.gd/Q0HQxm>
  
8. "Jacksonville Sailor Arrested, Allegedly had Sex with Intellectually Disabled Minor" - The victim said both she and the sailor had spoken about their age difference but it was not weird because she "isn't that short," she said according to the report.- First Coast News – October 9 , 2018 – (Florida) - <https://is.gd/q42P6r>
  
9. "Lewiston Man Faces Felony Charges After Allegedly Raping Disabled Woman" - A Lewiston man was charged Tuesday following an investigation of a reported rape of a disabled woman. - The Lewiston Tribune – October 10, 2018 – (Idaho) - <https://is.gd/i38J3E>
  
10. "3 Instances of Nursing Home Theft Examined" - It feels as though nursing home staff seem to be caught stealing from vulnerable and sick residents and their facilities more often. Brought on by the nation's opioid epidemic, staff steal medication and patient drugs most often, but theft can also be in the form of residents' possessions or finances, and when executives

swindle millions from the company and spend it on personal items or other investments. – Blog: Levin & Perconti – October 1 ,2018 – (Illinois) - <https://is.gd/Jis0Z1>

11. “Davenport Man Convicted of Neglect of His Wife's Intellectually Disabled Daughter” - A Davenport man has been convicted of one count of neglect of a dependent person several months after police found his wife’s adult intellectually disabled daughter locked in bedroom at his Davenport home. – Quad City Times – October 5, 2018 – (Iowa) - <https://is.gd/9ZN1r6>

12. “Autistic Boy Who was Dragged Down School Hallway Has Been Hurt Before, Mom Says” - The mother of a Bates Creek Middle School student with autism says that her son, who sustained cuts and bruises when school officials dragged him down a hallway in September, has been hurt in school before. – Lexington Herald Leader – October 2, 2018 – (Kentucky) - <https://is.gd/zymrOO>

13. “Cries for Help Ignored Too Long. Legislature Must Act to Improve Nursing Homes.” If you’re in a Kentucky nursing home, you’re ignored because there are too few nurses and nurse’s aides to go around. No one — not even in the nursing home industry — disputes that. Why the legislature ignores the cries for help is harder to fathom. – Lexington Herald Leader – October 5, 2018 – (Kentucky) - <https://is.gd/KnJ3fr>

14. “Louisiana Woman Pleads Guilty After Relative Held Captive” - A Louisiana woman has pleaded guilty in a case in which a woman relative was held captive — sometimes in a makeshift cage, federal prosecutors said. – Star Tribune – September 29 ,2018 – (Louisiana) - <https://is.gd/OZoZle>

15. "Lake Charles School Employee Accused of Raping Disabled Student" - Police say they have arrested a Lake Charles school employee, accused of raping an infirmed student. – KATC 3 – October 3, 2018 – (Louisiana) - <https://is.gd/yqZ1w4>
  
16. "Maine Voices: Parents of the Intellectually Disabled Have Reason to Fear our Social Service System" - Exacerbating their fears was a 2017 audit by the U.S. DHHS, severely criticizing Maine officials for failing to investigate the deaths of 133 individuals in state-funded facilities between January 2013 and June 2015. Nine deaths were described as "unexplained, suspicious or untimely." – Press Herald – October 1, 2018 – (Maine) - <https://is.gd/2GDSYX>
  
17. "Lowell Woman Allegedly Stole Thousands Meant for Handicapped Kids" - Amy Young allegedly embezzled hundreds of thousands of dollars meant for disabled kids and their families over at least half of the 10 years she worked at LifeLinks Inc., using state-provided funds on home modifications, family medical bills, gym memberships, home items, electronic equipment and a party for her son. – Lowell Sun – October 2, 2018 – (Massachusetts) - <https://is.gd/NQdDq6>
  
18. "Woman Accused of Stealing Money, Drugs from Disabled Burlington Man Nabbed in Florida" - A woman accused of stealing money and prescription drugs from a disabled and elderly Burlington man who she was supposed to be taking care of was captured in Florida and returned to Massachusetts last week, officials said. – WHDH 7 – October 1, 2018 – (Massachusetts) - <https://is.gd/mBe0Iz>
  
19. "Mother Whose Disabled Son Died After Drinking Windshield Washer Fluid Gets Probation" - A mother accused of failing to seek medical treatment fast enough for her disabled son after he drank windshield washer fluid and

later died was sentenced to probation last week. – Michigan Live – October 1, 2018 – (Michigan) - <https://is.gd/gLEHoG>

20. “Missouri's Oversight to Be Examined After \$1 Billion Lawsuit Alleges Sexual Assault at Nursing Home” - The chairman of the Missouri House Urban Issues Committee is waiting to find out if he'll be able to hold a hearing to explore the state's oversight of senior care facilities. – Ozarks First – October 5, 2018 – (Missouri) - <https://is.gd/kqiTGH>

21. “Moberly Man Charged with Financial Exploitation of Missing Wife” - Lawrence Warfel, 75, of Moberly was charged Thursday with financial exploitation of an elder/disabled person, a class C felony. Lawrence Warfel was withdrawing cash for nearly a year from his missing wife's Social Security debit card, according to a probable cause statement made by Randolph County Sheriff's Deputy Aaron Wilson. – Moberly Monitor – September 28, 2018 – (Missouri) - <https://is.gd/jr1mnw>

22. “Mentally Disabled Woman Raped by 72-Year-Old Man at Springfield Bus Stop, Police Say” - A 72-year-old man raped a woman who had the mental capacity of an 8-year-old at a Springfield bus stop, police say. – News Leader – October 12, 2018 – (Missouri) - <https://is.gd/RdNool>

23. “Man Who Pitched Idea of Farming in Downtown Silos is Convicted of Child Sex Abuse” - A Greene County jury convicted Kerns this week of sexually abusing two young girls, both of whom have developmental disabilities. The jury recommended a sentence on Friday. – News Leader – October 5, 2018 – (Missouri) - <https://is.gd/tErmUI>

24. "Video of Paterson Police Appearing to Mace Deaf Man Sparks Outrage" - A viral video of a deaf man in Paterson who was arrested on Friday has caught the attention of the city's mayor. – NorthJersey.Com – October 1, 2018 – (New Jersey) - <https://is.gd/LPwYHz>
  
25. "At 12, He Reads at a First-Grade Level: How New York Failed T.J." - One of 200,000 students in New York's public schools classified as having a disability, T.J. has fallen behind year after year in a system awash in misinformation and confusion. - The New York Times – October 5, 2018 – (New York) - <https://is.gd/euhwOe>
  
26. "Neighbors Sue Group Home for Allegedly Abusing Disabled Adults" - The staff of a Queens group home for developmentally disabled adults has been "verbally and physically" abusing the residents, according to a lawsuit filed by the family who lives next door. – New York Post – October 9, 2018 – (New York) - <https://is.gd/NoQ5eQ>
  
27. "Allegations of Elder Abuse and Neglect at Central Ohio Nursing Home Leads to Investigation" - A large red sore across his back, yellow film across the pillow, food on the floor, and a filthy air conditioner. A Central Ohio woman took pictures of what she saw at her 90-year-old grandfather's nursing home, but says they can't capture what she calls neglect and abuse that she saw with her own eyes. – ABC 6- October 3, 2018 – (Ohio) - <https://is.gd/YhIN41>
  
28. "Man Accused of Killing Portland Woman, 89, had Decades of Disturbing Behavior" - He racked up dozens of disciplinary infractions during more than a decade in prison, records show. From behind bars nearly 30 years ago, he also pursued a different elderly woman, that woman's family said. – The Oregonian – September 28, 2018 – (Oregon) - <https://is.gd/oKyywc>

29. "Woman Charged with Death of Elderly Man in her Care in Columbia" - Betty Miles, 75, is facing a count of neglect of an elderly adult resulting in death. Back on June 27, Henry Harmon was found dead at Miles Residential Care on Koon Store Road, which Miles owns. – WLTX 19 – October 2, 2018 – (South Carolina) - <https://is.gd/XtS5AZ>
  
30. "Lawsuit Claims Socastee High Special Needs Student Victim of Assault, Negligence" - A family says their special needs daughter was assaulted and neglected by educators at Socastee High School. The family, identified in the court documents as John, Jane and Janie Doe, says the student has an intellectual disability, vision impairment and is non-verbal. – WMBF News-October 4, 2018 – (South Carolina) - <https://is.gd/Woz1tP>
  
31. "Man Wanted for Abuse of Vulnerable Adult, Attempted Murder in Laurens Co." - The Laurens County Sheriff's Office is searching for a man wanted on attempted murder, abuse of a vulnerable adult and kidnapping. – WSPA 7 – October 9, 2018 – (South Carolina) - <https://is.gd/x694x4>
  
32. "Morristown Man Sentenced in Hawkins Court to 8 Years for Rape of Disabled Woman" - A Morristown man who was charged with aggravated rape last year for having sex with a mentally disabled woman was sentenced last Friday in Hawkins County Criminal court to eight years in prison – Times News – October 4, 2018 – (Tennessee) - <https://is.gd/W8jOrD>
  
33. "Murfreesboro Group Home for Adults with Disabilities Under Investigation, State Confirms" - The Tennessee Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities confirmed that a Murfreesboro group home

is under investigation – Daily News Journal – October 9, 2018 – (Tennessee) - <https://is.gd/AV2cHR>

34. “Texas Spent Less on Students with Disabilities. But Did it Break the Law?” - But the U.S. government says Texas violated an unambiguous federal law requiring states to maintain the same amount of funding each year for special education services in order to continue to be eligible for federal special education grants. – The Texas Tribune – October 1, 2018 – (Texas) - <https://is.gd/KR9IEj>

35. “Family Discovers Alleged Nursing Home Abuse After Photo of Grandmother Goes Viral” - A controversial photo is causing an immense amount of pain for a local family. It shows their elderly relative sitting in her own throw up, allegedly for hours. The photo, which was posted to Facebook, is drawing outrage and calls for answers on social media. – News 4 San Antonio – October 9, 2018 – (Texas) - <https://is.gd/noyp8U>

36. “Texas Mom Said Teachers Forced Autistic Daughter into Closet” - A Texas mother said teachers forced her young daughter, who has autism, into a closet and held the door closed. And the mother, Jennifer Clark, is demanding an apology. Clark said it happened at David Elementary School, in the Conroe Independent School District. "They never told me that she could be forcibly put in this (seclusion) room and locked in," Clark said. – Rochester First – October 4, 2018 – (Texas) - <https://is.gd/xUIDFG>

37. “Texas Court Halts Juan Segundo Execution Amid Questions of Intellectual Disability” - For the second time this year, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals has stopped an upcoming execution. And for the second time this year it was because of a 2017 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that invalidated the state’s method for determining if death row inmates are intellectually

disabled and therefore ineligible for execution. – The Texas Tribune – October 6, 2018 – (Texas) - <https://is.gd/gMkPW7>

38. “Nursing Assistant at Assisted Living in Davis County Charged with Aggravated Elder Abuse” - A nursing assistant was arrested Sunday after allegedly assaulting a resident multiple times in an assisted living facility in Clearfield. – Fox 13 – October 8, 2018 – (Utah) - <https://is.gd/pD1vxf>
  
39. “The Hidden Victims of Restraint: Facility Caregivers and Staff” - When staff treats these children, techniques can include applying restraints or seclusion. This year alone, under the load of increasing admissions, staff members here placed children in mechanical restraints 621 times. – News Leader – October 3, 2018 – (Virginia) - <https://is.gd/KJEo24>
  
40. “Taking Action: Richmond Mom Battles for Busing for Her Special Needs Child” - “They assured me they were going to set up transportation and I literally had a staff of people kind of look me in the face and say they would put the request in and transportation would be reaching out to me, they never did,” says Blackwell. – WRIC – October 5, 2018 – (Virginia) - <https://is.gd/qmbu9x>
  
41. “Bus Driver Shortage Leaves Special-Needs Child at Home” - “We were standing by this window, the bus never showed up,” said Tiffany Connors, who described her son’s disappointment when she said the bus never showed up on the first day of school. – KIRO 7 – October 4, 2018 – (Washington) - <https://is.gd/7aWWkk>
  
42. “Couple Sues State Hospital Over Assault” - A Weston County couple accuses the state’s provider of mental health services of breaching their

duties of care by allowing the couple's daughter, a vulnerable adult, to be sexually assaulted by a person charged with watching her during one-on-one observation periods. – Gillette News Record – October 1, 2018 – (Wyoming) - <https://is.gd/w3wFrF>

## GUARDIANSHIP

43. "New Law Offers Alternative to Traditional Guardianship" - A new alternative to traditional full guardianship for older adults in Alaska is "a cutting-edge concept" and more person-centered, AARP Alaska says. [HB 336](#), which was signed by Gov. Bill Walker on Thursday, allows for the creation of a formal legal agreement among a vulnerable adult and his or her chosen "supporters" — who could be family, friends or others — for counsel and support of the adult in making important decisions. – McKnights Senior Living – October 3, 2018 – (Alaska) - <https://is.gd/k5aNLJ>
  
44. "San Francisco Seeks to Implement Recently Signed Conservatorship Bill" - A bill signed by Gov. Jerry Brown last week will allow for San Francisco to create new conservatorship programs for severely mentally ill people to get them off city streets and into treatment. – KPIX 5 – October 4, 2018 – (California) - <https://is.gd/VWKHGi>
  
45. "New Mexico's Guardianship System Raises Serious Questions" - It seemed incredible that for over a year her guardian and court-appointed lawyer (perhaps well-intentioned), had charged Kise big bucks to keep her locked up and away from her family. – KRWG NPR – October 7, 2018 – (New Mexico) - <https://is.gd/htlN40>
  
46. "Tips for Voters: Getting Help Voting and Independent Voting" - 1. If you are under a guardianship you still have the right to vote unless your guardianship court order says that the court has taken away your right to

vote. – Austin Daily Herald – September 29, 2018 – (Texas) -

<https://is.gd/207V1p>

47. “For Desperate Parents, Possibility of Guardianship Over Gravely Disabled Adult Children” -A Washington state senator who says he’s heard from “literally hundreds of parents” of adult children who are struggling with mental illness or addiction wants to allow families to petition for temporary guardianship. – NW News Network – October 3, 2018 – (Washington) -

<https://is.gd/irhKO2>

48. “Guardianship vs Settlement Trust: Which is the Better Solution?” - When a person is injured, they can suffer any number of life-changing medical complications. In some cases, they may be rendered incapacitated. Legally, this means the person is no longer capable of making some—or possibly any—decisions on his or her behalf. – The Legal Examiner – October 1, 2018 – (No State Identified) -

<https://is.gd/EVykt0>

## LAWS & LEGISLATION

49. “Bill to Protect Elderly in American Samoa Moves to Next Stage” - The American Samoa Senate has given final approval to the Lolo Administration's legislation, which creates a new law to protect the territory's elderly and disabled adult population. The "Elderly and Disabled Adult Neglect, Abuse and Exploitation Prevention Act" now goes to the territory's House of Representatives for their review and approval. – Radio NZ – September 29, 2018 (American Samoa) -

<https://is.gd/ncEgRB>

50. “Senator Baldwin’s Reforms to Protect Rights of Disabled Airline Passengers Pass Congress” - U.S. Senator [Tammy Baldwin](#) worked to include a number of key measures from her Air Carrier Access Amendments Act in the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 to protect the rights of disabled airplane

passengers and close service gaps that passengers with disabilities frequently encounter in air travel. The reforms included in the legislation passed the House and the Senate and now head to the President for his signature. – Urban Milwaukee – October 3, 2018 – (D.C.)

<https://is.gd/fptQNR>

51. “The Irish Times View on Residential Care: A Regulatory Gap” - There are legislative shortcomings around the protection of adults who may be vulnerable. One of the key pieces of legislation needed to protect vulnerable people is the Adult Safeguarding Bill. This legislation is essential to ensure the State protects its vulnerable citizens and that cases of abuse and neglect that still occur are addressed. – The Irish Times – October 8, 2018 – (Ireland) - <https://is.gd/v1zKfK>

52. “This New Law Means Many More Ohio Officials are Watching out for Elder Abuse. Here’s Why it was Passed.” - New requirements begin today that broaden the definition of a mandatory reporter to pull in professions that have the ability to spot issues from many different perspectives. Those include pharmacists, dialysis technicians, firefighters, first responders, building inspectors, CPAs, real estate agents, bank employees, financial planners and notary publics. – Springfield News - Sun – September 29, 2018 – (Ohio) - <https://is.gd/tBeDIH>

53. “AG Schimel's Elder Abuse Task Force Proposes Legislation” - A state Justice Department task force is proposing a package of legislation designed to protect senior citizens and vulnerable adults from exploitation. – Channel 3000 – October 3, 2018 – (Wisconsin) - <https://is.gd/5NsBOE>

STUDIES & STATISTICS

54. "Study Links Subset of Genetic Variants to Autism, Intellectual Disability" - The study looked at nearly 7,000 people who have a condition of brain development, such as intellectual disability, developmental delay or autism. The participants are all severely affected, suggesting that their conditions are the result of rare mutations, some of which are spontaneous or noninherited. – Spectrum – October 3, 2018 – (National- Multiple Sites) - <https://is.gd/9D8pV4>

#### IMPROVED SUPPORTS

55. "New Technology at Sky Harbor Helps Those with Hearing Loss Communicate" - Newly installed video relay service tablets are now available at Sky Harbor International Airport to assist the deaf, hard of hearing and speech-challenged travelers – Fox 10 – September 30, 2018 – (Arizona) - <https://is.gd/qJYFOE>

56. "Arkansas's Deaf and Hard of Hearing Pushing for More Rights" - The National Deaf Center says less than 50% of deaf people in the working population were employed in 2014. DGM's Brenda Thompson said, "Yes, many deaf people who work are frustrated at finding a job. – KATV- October 5, 2018 – (Arkansas) - <https://is.gd/XXQGPP>

57. "Disability Rights Group Faults Poll Accessibility in Arkansas" - The group, which surveyed most polls in the state, urged the secretary of state and state Board of Election Commissioners to take immediate steps to move polling place to accessible locations or make current polls accessible. – Arkansas Times – October 8, 2018 – (Arkansas) - <https://is.gd/8b2Wwb>

58. "Panama-Buena Vista District to Directly Serve Most Special-Needs Students" - "We wanted to have greater oversight and control over the programs that our students are going into," said Denita Maughan, director

of special services for the district. “Instead of sending them away where we have little to no contact with them, we are providing the services and supports and making sure they have the highest quality education they can get.” – Bakersfield – September 29, 2018 – (California) -

<https://is.gd/xQBZoP>

59. “Los Banos Fire Department Adds New Tool to Help Those with Special Needs” - In an emergency communication is critical and the Los Banos Fire department is taking the extra step to give many folks a voice. The department is introducing these icon cards to help in communicating with people who may be non-verbal. – ABC 30 – October 9, 2018 – ( California) -

<https://is.gd/huBHdf>

60. “Congress Reluctant to Pass Civil Rights Bill for People with Disabilities” - Advocates say the bipartisan bill is crucial for ensuring that people living with disabilities are not forced to live in nursing homes and other institutions against their will and can choose to receive supportive services in their own homes instead. – Truth Out – September 29, 2018 – (D.C.) -

<https://is.gd/Eg5Rn9>

61. “New D.C. Program Aims to Make it Easier for Victims to Report Sexual Assault” - The new SVU includes a team of specially trained prosecutors who focus on cases in which juveniles commit sexual assaults and other crimes against other juveniles. The unit also works to prosecute juveniles who commit crimes against the elderly and disabled, as well as adults charged with indecent exposure. Everyone is trained in “trauma informed” interviewing, which helps elicit sensitive details of a crime without causing unnecessary discomfort. – The Washington Post – October 2, 2018 – (D.C.) -

<https://is.gd/ft5EqT>

62. "Purdue Polytechnic High School Tries New Methods with Autistic Students" - An Indianapolis high school that opened last year is attracting students with autism by taking a different approach to teaching. – FOX 59 – October 7, 2018 – (Indiana) - <https://is.gd/ga4WGZ>
63. "First Lawsuits Over Disabled Access to Websites Make Their Way to Minnesota" - Much like lawsuits demanding such things as wheelchair ramps and handicap parking, the suits claim the defendants' digital real estate is so inhospitable it denies access. – Twin Cities Pioneer Press – October 7, 2018 – (Minnesota) - <https://is.gd/jXjwWY>
64. "Ohio Expands List of People Required to Report Elder Abuse" - Ohio is expanding the list of people required to report suspicions of elder abuse, neglect or exploitation to authorities. – The News Herald – September 29, 2018 – (Ohio) - <https://is.gd/vzOM8X>
65. "Protecting the Most Vulnerable: Ordinary Residents Can Help Elderly from Being Abused" - Last year, Adult Protective Services received 22,709 calls of possible abuse, neglect, exploitation or self-neglect of vulnerable adults, referring 9,181 cases to community partners for services and referring 5,029 to community partners to meet basic needs. – Enid News & Eagle – September 30, 2018 – (Oklahoma) - <https://is.gd/DIZ9PO>
66. "IU13 Work Immersion Programs Place Students with Special Needs into In-Demand Jobs"- The internships, which include hands-on job training and classroom sessions focused on skills related to the job and independent living, follow the same schedule as the typical academic year and essentially replace senior year for participating students. – Lancaster Online – October 8, 2018 – (Pennsylvania) - <https://is.gd/tdlhP2>

67. "Silent Raiders Organization Connects with Deaf Community" - The purpose of the Silent Raiders is to raise awareness of ASL and deaf culture, Madison Lucas, a senior early childhood major from Canyon who is the student adviser, said. – Daily Toreador – October 8, 2018 – (Texas) - <https://is.gd/TdYrGB>

## INTERNATIONAL

68. "Sydney Aged Care Home Faces Sanctions After Alleged Assault" - An aged care home on Sydney's northern beaches is at risk of permanently losing its government accreditation after one of its workers was secretly filmed allegedly abusing an elderly dementia patient. – ABC News – October 2, 2018 – (Australia) - <https://is.gd/hDtBd2>

69. "Brazilian Man Jailed for Sexually Abusing his Wife's Mentally-Ill Sister is Released From Prison but Then Murders his 13-Year-Old Daughter" - Leticia Tanzi Lucas, 13, was brutally murdered by her father on Wednesday after she declined to withdraw the sexual abuse charges she levied against him. – Daily Mail – October 6, 2018 – (Brazil) - <https://is.gd/IDNFM8>

70. "Reporting Alleged Abuse in Nursing Homes to Province 'Like Talking to a Wall,' Families Say" - Lack of followup from Health Department 'a slap in the face,' says sister of late dementia patient – CBC – October 2, 2018 – (Canada) - <https://is.gd/OMNagB>

71. "Physical Restraint used on 50% More NHS Patients with Learning Disabilities" - Growing numbers of patients with learning disabilities are being physically restrained in mental health units, despite ministers telling [NHS](#) trusts to use such techniques less often. – The Guardian – October 1, 2018 – (England) - <https://is.gd/GZy6iX>

72. “Integration of Special Needs Pupils Adds to Teacher Workloads” - The number of special needs children in the Finnish school system has doubled over the last 20 years. Combined with a drive to wind down separate special needs groups in favour of integrated classrooms, this means that teachers are often hard pressed to meet the needs of all their pupils. – UUTISET – October 8, 2018 – (Finland) - <https://is.gd/npCKIJ> (Interesting... it is argument against integration)

73. “North: A Young Person Assaults a Woman in a Wheelchair and his Disabled Son, 4 Years Old” - A woman in a wheelchair and her 4-year old son is himself disabled were assaulted on Friday 28 in the morning at Anzin, in the North by an individual aged twenty years. – The KOZ Post – October 1, 2018 – (France) - <https://is.gd/ShbQdn>

74. “ISÈRE: Hosted by a “Friend”, a Young Disabled Person is Raped and Tortured” - Five young men aged 17 to 19, have been indicted by a judge from Grenoble Thursday, 20 for rape and violence in a meeting on the vulnerable person. A warrant of committal has been issued against them, according to France Bleu Isère, which reports the facts. – The KOZ Post – September 21, 2018 – (France) - <https://is.gd/IEalkW>

75. “Indonesia: Shackling Reduced, But Persists” - The Indonesian government has taken important steps to end the practice of shackling people with mental health conditions, Human Rights Watch said today. But many people remain locked up in institutions instead of being able to live in the community. – The Human Rights Watch – October 2, 2018 – (Indonesia) - <https://is.gd/54SVUt>

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83. “The Trouble with Dealing with Autism in Malaysia” - Although many are familiar with the term “autism spectrum disorder”, also known as ASD or simply autism, behavioural consultant Sitra Panirsheeluam says the complexity of the disorder makes it difficult to understand. – Free Malaysia Today – October 6, 2018 – (Malaysia) - <https://is.gd/UilDvK>
  
84. “Napier Rest Home Found in Breach of Code After Elderly Man Died After Assault by Fellow Resident” - A Health and Disability Services report released today found a Napier rest home in breach of the Health and Disability Services Consumers' Rights Code over the incident which saw an 87-year-old man die. – New Zealand Herald – October 1, 2018 – (New Zealand) - <https://is.gd/gRUOb4>

85. "Gloriavale Father Convicted for Assaulting Daughters Across 13 Years" - An assault case that Gloriavale tried to keep suppressed can now be revealed, shining light on a culture of child discipline in the religious sect. – NewsHub-October 6, 2018 – (New Zealand) - <https://is.gd/eYUD0x>
86. Philanthropist Urged to Help Disabled Persons Become Useful Citizens - The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government has urged philanthropists to open an institution for inclusive education and enable the people with disabilities to learn along with normal people in the same classrooms and become useful citizens of the society. – DAWN – October 8, 2018 – (Pakistan) - <https://is.gd/pkEfvs>
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