

# Disability and Abuse Newsfeed

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## **Type:**

### Abuse and Neglect:

Sexual Assault: 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 13, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 57, 60, 63, 66, 67, 68

Physical Abuse: 1, 7, 9, 10, 11, 14, 17, 25, 27, 29, 31, 35, 37, 64, 70

Emotional Abuse: 12, 32, 64, 70

Financial abuse: 33

Kept enclosed/Restraint: 7

Murder: 15, 16, 18, 24, 27, 34, 61, 67

Neglected: 1, 15, 16, 28

Social Media: 6, 70

Related to special education: 7, 10, 12, 17, 19, 28, 35

***WINNER of most egregious award:*** 62: Chang in welfare program forecast to lead to starvation and death of people with disabilities; 68: Grandmother paid men to have sex with her granddaughter who has I/DD to impregnate her.

**WINNER of “good job” award:** 46: Proposed bill would discontinue use of antipsychotics without a diagnosis.

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

Family: 1, 24, 33, 34, 57, 61

Carer: 2, 3, 8, 9, 14, 18, 29, 32, 37, 64

Stranger: 22, 27, 31, 60, 65, 66, 70

Special education employee: Teachers: 12, 13; TA: 12

Group home counselor: 2, 3, 8, 14, 29, 37, 64

Day Program: 4

SNF: 15, 21, 65

Nurse: 3, 9

State Hospital: 18

Psychiatric Hospital: 32

Director of Care Home: 63

Law Enforcement: 16 25, 26

Bus Aide: 10, 11, 28

Men: 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 31, 34, 35, 57, 60, 63, 65, 66, 70

Women: 1, 10, 11, 12, 13, 27, 28, 29, 33, 34, 61, 68

**Good News:** 39: State pays \$8m in landmark case of abuse and neglect; 45: LA bill would allow cameras at school; 47: No restraints on pregnant women in state prison and other related reforms; 49: Improved diagnosis lead to children under 2 years of age to be diagnosed; 50: Police receive training to increase understanding of interaction skills with Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals; 52: Class action seeks to end illegal and abusive restraint and seclusion practices in California schools; 71: Individuals with disabilities talk about “how to respect boundaries.”

**Bad News:** 30: People with disabilities more likely to die in disasters by a factor of 2 to 4 times per DRNC report; 36: SNF failed to investigate abuse claims; 38: TX holds prisoners with I/DD although it is unconstitutional; 50: Increased use of restraint and seclusion in Maine cited by advocacy group.

## **ABUSE & NEGLECT**

1. “Birmingham Woman, 64, Accused of Beating, failing to Feed Mentally Disabled Family Member” - A Jefferson County grand jury on May 3 issued the indictment against Florence Dandridge, according to court records made public Monday. She is charged with first-degree assault and elderly abuse and/or neglect with serious injury. – Alabama.com – May 13, 2019 – (Alabama) - <https://is.gd/s2RL1z>

2. "Worker Accused of Sexually Abusing Three Teen Girls at Phoenix Group Home" - Police say 23-year-old Rodrigo Omar Flores was arrested at his Glendale home on May 7. Flores is accused of abusing three teen girls at the Devereux Behavioral Health group home in Phoenix. – AZ Family – May 14, 2019 – (Arizona)- <https://is.gd/qFNQQh>
  
3. "Phoenix Group Home Worker Is Sentenced to Prison for Attempted Child Molestation" - Keith Wayne Harrington, age 49, pleaded guilty on February 28 and was sentenced Tuesday in Maricopa County Superior Court. [In February 2017, a teenage girl living in a group home](#), came forward accusing Harrington of offering her dresses, "So she could wear them around the house without underwear so he could touch her." – ABC 15 – May 14, 2019 – (Arizona) - <https://is.gd/LBVmZr>
  
4. "PD: Developmentally Disabled Woman Sexually Assaulted at Gilbert Day Program" - Abram Grace was arrested Wednesday on one count of sexual assault and one count of vulnerable adult abuse. -AZ Family – May 16, 2019 – (Arizona) - <https://is.gd/SCEVV9>
  
5. "Fouke Man Accused of Raping Woman He Was Convicted of Molesting Decades Ago" - A Fouke, Ark., man is facing charges of rape involving a mentally disabled woman he was convicted of molesting in 1994. Wallace Johnson, 47, is accused of two counts of rape and one count of sexual assault in Miller County. – TXK Today – May 16, 2019 – Texas- <https://is.gd/f6Rh2I>
  
6. "Mom of Bullied Student with Special Needs Speaks Out About Viral Video" - The mom of a student with special needs harassed in a disturbing video online is speaking out against bullying. – KEYT 3 – May 11, 2019 – (California) - <https://is.gd/mBGDgl>

7. “Students With Special Needs Put In ‘Abusive’ Restraints, Seclusion At Concord School, Lawsuit Alleges” - According to the [lawsuit](#), filed this week in Contra Costa County Superior Court, four elementary-age students were repeatedly put in “abusive” and “dangerous” restraints. The students also were thrown against the wall or “pressed into the floor” and routinely placed in isolation as a form of punishment, the suit alleges. – The Mercury News – May 16, 2019 – (California)- <https://is.gd/tv1D2d>
  
8. “Jeffco Group Home Leader Convicted Of Sexually Assaulting Boys” - [William Wayne Sexton](#), 55, was convicted on all counts following a four-day trial. The jury deliberated for fewer than 2 1/2 hours. The most serious charges, unanimously agreed upon by the jury, were three counts of sexual assault on a child by a person in a position of trust – pattern of sexual abuse. – KDVR 2 – May 10, 2019 – (Colorado) - <https://is.gd/eu40Xg>
  
9. “CT Nurses Cited for Drug Use, Forgery, ‘Aggressive’ Handling of Child” - The Board of Examiners for Nursing on Wednesday disciplined 10 nurses, including revoking the licenses of three nurses and imposing fines on two others. – CT Post – May 15, 2019 – (Connecticut) - <https://is.gd/UzqQhb>
  
10. “Polk County Bus Attendant Charged with Child Abuse, Abuse of Disabled Adults” - Juanita Tappin, 43, of Lakeland, is now charged with three counts of child abuse and three counts of abuse of a disabled adult. Deputies are holding her in the Polk County Jail without bond. – WFLA 8- May 9, 2019 – (Florida) - <https://is.gd/OSRAIL>
  
11. “Bus Attendant Accused of Abusing Kids Out On Bond” - Juanity Tappin was charged Thursday with three counts of child abuse and three counts of abuse of a disabled adult. She was released from jail Saturday after posting a \$6,000 bond. – WFLA 8 – May 11, 2019 – (Florida) - <https://is.gd/uxO5i5>

12. "Florida Elementary School Teacher, Aide Accused Of Verbally Abusing Autistic Students" - A teacher and a classroom aide have been accused of verbally abusing young autistic students at a [Florida](#) elementary school, according to a report. The accusations against the two who worked at Pasadena Lake Elementary School in [Pembroke Pines](#) resulted in their removal from the classroom while the district and the Broward County Sheriff's Office investigates, [Fox 7 Miami](#) reported Thursday. – Fox News – May 12, 2019 – (Florida)- <https://is.gd/5VcV5H>
  
13. "Special Education Teacher Arrested for Alleged Relationship with Student" - Quinnesha Sha'Tara Turner, 24, was taken into custody following an investigation that began Friday, said Geoffrey Gilland, spokesman for Athens-Clarke County police. Turner is charged with sexual assault, aggravated child molestation and enticing a child. – WSB-TV – May 11, 2019 –(Georgia)- <https://is.gd/KGvj3c>
  
14. "Video Shows Georgia Healthcare Staff Punching, Beating Disabled Man with Belt" - Gordon Police charged a caretaker named Shakia Smith with battery and abuse/neglect of an elder person. Jarrard said the case against the former facility owner is still pending. Carson is now at a different facility in south Georgia and is doing well, Jarrard said. The [Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities](#) revoked the facility's license after an investigation. – News 4 Tucson – May 13, 2019 – (Georgia) - <https://is.gd/ZKnCGx>
  
15. "I-TEAM INVESTIGATION: This Family Claims Medical Neglect Helped Kill Their Sister, But How Did This Case Escape a Law Enforcement Probe?" - "We turned her over and pulled that thing down and that big ol' hole was right there," Bulloch's sister, Mary McClain said. That big hole was a stage four pressure sore, and according to medical records, it led to Bulloch's

death. [Bulloch was a patient at PruittHealth Augusta Hills](#). Her family believes sepsis and the sore was caused by neglect. WRDW – 12 – May 13, 2019 – (Georgia) - <https://is.gd/JWr6Qp>

16. “Mentally Ill Man Died of Dehydration After Nine Days in Cobb Jail” - A 54-year-old man who suffered from severe mental illness died of dehydration after more than a week in the Cobb County jail, according to the county medical examiner’s autopsy. Reginald Wilson was one of three inmates to die in custody of the Cobb Sheriff’s Office recently. – Atlanta Journal Constitution – May 14, 2019 – (Georgia) - <https://is.gd/4tFTlq>
  
17. “Disturbing Treatment of Two Disabled Students Results in \$1.2 Million Judgment Against School District” - The lawsuit against Oneida County School District 351 filed on behalf of the two children and their families chronicled the highly disturbing treatment the two children endured at Malad Elementary School in Malad. – Idaho State Journal – May 15, 2019 – (Idaho) - <https://is.gd/affVlw>
  
18. “Another Severely Disabled Iowan Dies at State Institution, As Questions Persist About Patient Care” - It won’t say anything about who Richie Myers was, or how he lived 68 years at the Glenwood Resource Center. It won’t give a hint of the controversy surrounding how he and 14 other severely disabled residents of the institution have died since last June. – Des Moines Register – May 12, 2019 – (Iowa) - <https://is.gd/5zUMop>
  
19. “Family Speaks Out On Davenport’s Treatment of Child with Special Needs” - In a report released by the State Board of Education last week, May 9, 2019, auditors found 14 new instances of noncompliance, in addition to 11 issued last year. The [report](#) noted that “disproportionality remains a significant barrier to student success.” – WQAD News 8 – May 16, 2019 – (Iowa)- <https://is.gd/TIOktu>

20. "Jury Finds Kansas City Man Guilty of Sodomizing Victim with Mental Disability" - Jurors convicted Ronald Lee Davie, 62, of two sex crimes that included sodomy. A witness told investigators in April 2017 that Davie sexually assaulted a victim who has a mental disability, according to court documents. A forensic interview revealed the victim had been sodomized by Davie, according to the prosecutor's office. – The Kansas City Star – May 12, 2019 – (Kansas) - <https://is.gd/4W43Uo>
21. "Police Investigate Possible Rape of 91-Year-Old at Wichita Nursing Home" - The facility takes any allegation or suspicion of abuse of a resident seriously and follows state and federal rules and regulations governing the reporting of such allegations or suspicions. On the evening of May 15, I was made aware immediately of an allegation of abuse made by one female resident against another female resident. – KWCH 12- May 16, 2019 – (Kansas)- <https://is.gd/jNBv1W>
22. "Knox County Man Accused of Raping Disabled Church Member at Motel" - Troopers say the suspect, 71-year-old Clark Mills, had sex with the disabled victim, who is legally blind and has "an evident mental disability." The victim was dropped off, and she told her mother what happened. – WKYT – May 13, 2019 – (Kentucky) - <https://is.gd/OTNkfP>
23. "Alma Man Accused of Sexually Assaulting a Mentally Disabled Teen with Two Other Adults Found Guilty of Child Abuse" - The third adult accused of sexually assaulting a mentally disabled teen in 2016 has been convicted of lesser charges in Harlan County District Court. – Kearney Hub – May 15, 2019 – (Kentucky) - <https://is.gd/o1F9ow>
24. "Bowdoinham Teen Accused of Killing His Grandmother Will Be Tried as an Adult" - Dominic Sylvester, now 18, is charged with depraved indifference



murder in the 2018 death of Beulah “Marie” Sylvester. He was just shy of 17 years old when the 55-year-old woman was found unconscious inside the mobile home they shared. – Journal Tribune – May 11, 2019 – (Maine) - <https://is.gd/MVP10p>

25. “Family Sues City of Albion for Excessive Force in Arrest of 13-Year-Old Boy with Disabilities” - The suit, filed in Calhoun County Circuit Court, names the City of Albion, Police Chief Scott Kipp and former police officer Tyler Collins as defendants. The suit claims that Collins used excessive force when he arrested Da'veon on Nov. 24, after police were called to the home of his grandparents to investigate a domestic disturbance. – Battle Creek Enquirer - May 15, 2019 – (Michigan) - <https://is.gd/wr9MWn>

26. “Woman Accuses Second Missouri Sheriff's Deputy of Sexual Assault” - The woman, who is not named in the suit, was repeatedly sexually assaulted by Marty Rainey, a Gasconade County sheriff's deputy and police officer in Rosebud and Hermann, civil and criminal court documents claim. – St. Louis Post – Dispatch – May 16, 2019 – (Missouri) - <https://is.gd/2if6rp>

27. “Woman Seen Pushing Elderly Man Off Bus In Viral Video Now On House Arrest” - The victim, [identified as 74-year-old Serge Fournier](#), was left hospitalized. He reportedly died from his injuries on April 23. Cadesha Bishop has posted bail and is now on house arrest, awaiting trial. Check back for updates. – 3 News Las Vegas – May 14, 2019 – (Nevada) - <https://is.gd/71Ai0E>

28. “Bus Aide Linked to Abandoned Autistic Student Incident Resigns” - Stephanie Corbett, a 20-year employee of the district, resigned to retire effective April 29. According to multiple sources, Corbett was the bus attendant present when Michael Seavey was transported by bus to his job as part of a school-to-work program on Monday, April 1. However, the

business was closed for the day. Seavey, whose communication skills are challenged due to his autism, was unable to seek help. He stood in the cold for two hours before another bus arrived to pick him up at his scheduled time. – Spotlight News – May 10, 2019 – (New York) - <https://is.gd/qk5fsf>

29. “Group Home Worker Charged with Abusing Disabled Clients, Including Children” - Investigators say it happened at a residential group on Bonnie Lane in Statesville. 25 year-old Brionna Sherrill is accused of assaulting three victims ages, 12, 16, and 20. All three victims have mental and physical disabilities. – WCNC – May 10, 2019 – (North Carolina)- <https://is.gd/HDwDtK>

30. “People with Disabilities Hit Hardest by Storms, Say Advocates” - In a disaster, children and adults with disabilities are two to four times more likely to be injured or die. During disaster evacuations, people with disabilities are more likely to be left behind, turned away from shelters or abandoned. And during Hurricane Florence, people with disabilities were largely evacuated to inaccessible shelters or even separated from their families entirely. All these statistics come from the advocacy group Disability Rights North Carolina. – WUNC 91.5 – April 30, 2019 – (North Carolina)- <https://is.gd/tfdSGw>

31. “Man Arrested After Allegedly Assaulting Victim in Wheelchair” - Investigators say 49-year-old Lonnie Pearson was seen pushing a man out of a wheelchair and then kicking him when he was on the ground. – KFOR News – May 17, 2019 – (Oklahoma) - <https://is.gd/Bwo0zl>

32. “Disability Group Joins Call to Hold Oregon in Contempt Over Mentally Ill Defendants’ Rights” - Disability Rights Oregon, an advocacy group for people with mental and physical conditions, filed in federal court Tuesday to ask a judge to hold the state in contempt over its treatment of mentally

ill defendants. – The Oregonian – May 15, 2019 - (Oregon) -  
<https://is.gd/KRcWpE>

33. “Woman Accused of Stealing More Than \$30K from Elderly Couple” - Danielle Marie Ortega stole money from an elderly couple's bank account to pay for personal expenses, according to Berks County detectives. Authorities estimated Ortega, a member of the family, stole more than \$30,000 from the account from June 2017 to September 2018. – WFMZ 69 – May 15, 2019 – (Pennsylvania)- <https://is.gd/upwOBv>
34. “Great-Grandson, Woman Plead Guilty in 96-Year-Old's Death” - WYFF-TV reports 25-year-old Jesse Long, the victim's great-grandson, pleaded guilty to abuse of a vulnerable adult resulting in serious bodily injury. Forty-four-year-old Veronica Bryant pleaded guilty to abuse of a vulnerable adult resulting in death and possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine. – SF Gate – May 11, 2019 – (South Carolina)- <https://is.gd/uPJjGh>
35. “Mom Said She Found Bruises On Nonverbal Son with Autism After School” - Dana Grimsley’s son is both autistic and nonverbal, so he has not been able to tell her what happened at school on May 1, which is when she said the bruises appeared. According to the police report, there were about four or five substitute teachers in the classroom that day because of the state-wide teacher walkout. – Live 5 News – May 13, 2019 – (South Carolina)- <https://is.gd/W0wBPN>
36. “Records: SC Nursing Home Repeatedly Failed to Investigate Claims of Abuse Against Veterans It Serves” - Inspectors descended upon Veterans' Victory House in Walterboro in December and spent at least five days investigating complaints and documenting faults, according to records from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services that were recently

obtained by The Greenville News and the Independent Mail. – Greenville News – May 13, 2019 – (South Carolina) - <https://is.gd/jblS02>

37. “State: Murfreesboro Group Home Under Investigation After Abuse Allegations” - A Murfreesboro group home for adults with intellectual and physical disabilities is being investigated by state and local agencies after allegations of abuse. Staff members at Stones River Center — [a group home agency investigated 72 times in five years](#) — are accused of choking a patient, according to a report on file with Murfreesboro police. – Daily News Journal – May 13, 2019 – (Tennessee) - <https://is.gd/zTpBE3>
  
38. “Intellectually Disabled On Death Row Cost State Millions”- In 2002, the Supreme Court ruled executing someone with an intellectual disability is unconstitutional, and yet in Texas several death row inmates were determined to be intellectually disabled in just the last 2 years. – News 4 San Antonio – May 13, 2019 – (Texas) - <https://is.gd/e2VArl>
  
39. “State Pays \$8M in Landmark Settlement After Failing to Help Blind, Disabled Man” - Vernon Gray is nearly blind, developmentally disabled and unable to care for himself. Today, the state agreed to pay \$8M for failing him. The unanswered calls for help. – KOMO News – May 16, 2019 – (Washington) - <https://is.gd/YwwBOn>
  
40. “More Than Half of Nursing Homes Within 50 Miles of MKE Are Rated Below Average or Worse” - About 56% of nursing homes within a 50-mile radius of Milwaukee are rated below average or worse. – WTMJ -TV- May 14, 2019 – (Wisconsin) - <https://is.gd/U9W1NC>

## **GUARDIANSHIP**

41. “Britney Spears Heads to Court to Talk Guardianship” - After hearing Britney Spears and her parents speak in a rare and secretive joint court appearance on Friday, a judge ordered an expert evaluation in the conservatorship that for 11 years has put control of much of the 37-year-old singer’s life in the control of her father. – Gulf News – May 11, 2019 – (California) - <https://is.gd/SdK7Rq>
  
42. “Pt. 1: Obtaining Guardianship Over An Adult” - One San Angelo father shares how he became the guardian of his 29-year-old son – Concho Valley Homepage – May 13, 2019- (Texas) - <https://is.gd/gUO8Zo>
  
43. “Guardianship Process To Be Streamlined In WA” - The Uniform Guardianship Act, [Senate Bill 5604](#), will standardize the guardianship process across the state's 39 counties and create a monitoring system and model training program. – Public News Service – May 16, 2019 – (Washington) - <https://is.gd/XzMVJs>

## **LAWS & LEGISLATION**

44. “Commentary: Assisted Suicide Legislation Endangers Those with Disabilities” - Every year when assisted suicide legislation comes up for debate, my daughter and I come to Dover to testify. She sits through the testimony of others saying that they want to die or their relative wants to die because they could no longer talk, walk, eat, bathe or get dressed without assistance. – Delaware State News – May 14, 2019 – (Deleware) - <https://is.gd/feJJ05>
  
45. “Louisiana Bill Would Allow Special Ed Classrooms to Be Monitored by Cameras” - Special education classrooms in Louisiana public schools might

be monitored by cameras under a bill advanced by the House Education Committee on Tuesday. The bill, by Rep. Mark Wright, R-Covington, would allow parents of children in self-contained special education classrooms to request that a camera be installed to monitor class activity. – WWLTV – May 15, 2019 – (Louisiana) - <https://is.gd/LYQVYU>

46. “New Bill Stops Nursing Homes from Using Anti-Psychotic Drugs Without a Diagnosis” - According to the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services, one in five nursing home residents in Oklahoma are receiving an antipsychotic drug. State Representative Tammy West, (R- Oklahoma City), said she co-authored Senate Bill 142 because the residents are too often given drugs to modify their sleep or behavior without proof they need the medications. – News On 6 – May 15, 2019 – (Oklahoma) - <https://is.gd/P7m1vG>

47. “Texas Passes Bill to Improve Conditions for Women in Prison — But Is It Enough?” - The bipartisan [House Bill 650](#), authored by Republican state Rep. James White, mandates that the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) must provide women in state prisons with more and higher-quality menstrual products, allow inmates to remain with their newborns 72 hours after giving birth, and bans the use of restraints on pregnant women, according to [HuffPost](#). – Refinery 29 – May 11, 2019 – (Texas) - <https://is.gd/dZLSwV>

## **STUDIES & STATISTICS**

48. “7 In 10 LGBT Employees Harassed at Work in Britain” - Black and minority ethnic (BME) women, and disabled people of both genders, are particularly victimized. More than half (54%) of LGBT BME women said they had experienced unwanted touching at work, and exactly half of disabled women said the same. Around a quarter of women in both categories

reported serious sexual assault or rape. – CNN – May 17, 2019 – (Britain) - <https://is.gd/Qqx505>

49. “Autism May Be Diagnosed by Age Two” - The researchers assessed more than 1,200 toddlers for autism at least twice using standard diagnostic tools. They diagnosed roughly one in three with the condition by age 2; 84 percent of these toddlers retained the label at their last visit, which was at age 3 on average. – Scientific American – May 16, 2019 – (California) - <https://is.gd/IO58Zd>

50. “Use Of Restraint And Seclusion On The Rise In Maine Schools, Advocacy Group Says” - “Every school day in Maine, children are restrained and secluded, resulting in a denial of access to education for all involved, additional psychological trauma for many, and physical injury for some,” Disability Rights Maine said in [its report](#), which relied on data from state records and information obtained through Freedom of Access Act requests. – Press Herald – May 13, 2019 – (Maine) - <https://is.gd/fweFlk>

## **IMPROVED SUPPORTS**

51. “Gilbert Police Trained in How to Better Interact with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Residents” - More than half the hands in the room lifted when Becca Bailey, community engagement liaison for the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, asked the dozens of Gilbert police officers and staff if they've ever interacted with a deaf person while on the job. She signed her question as another woman interpreted it aloud. – AZCentral – May 13, 2019 – (Arizona) - <https://is.gd/VTS9NH>

52. “Class Action Seeks to End Illegal and Abusive Restraints and Seclusion Practices Used Against Children with Disabilities in California” - Student claims against the state of California and school officials highlight pervasive

use of condemned, trauma-inducing practices. Four elementary school children with disabilities and their parents and guardians filed a class action lawsuit Monday against the California Department of Education (CDE), directors of the Contra Costa County Office of Education, and staff at Floyd I. Marchus School to challenge the illegal and abusive use of restraints and seclusion in non-emergency situations. – May 15, 2019 – (California) - <https://is.gd/dKD6CA>

53. “Mills Amends Budget to Include 33 More Caseworkers to Protect Vulnerable Kids” - Gov. Janet Mills on Tuesday announced amendments to her proposal that would significantly boost the state’s child protective services system, adding 33 caseworkers to a system under scrutiny after the high-profile deaths of two children. – The Times Record – May 15, 2019 – (Maine) - <https://is.gd/2HYE2T>

54. “Governor Promises Reform Following 5 On Your Side Investigation into Exploitation of the Elderly” - Ohio Governor Mike DeWine is promising to reform the state’s oversight and regulation of home health care agencies and caregivers that often leaves the elderly vulnerable to financial exploitation. – News 5 Cleveland – May 14, 2019 – (Ohio) - <https://is.gd/LoKm37>

55. “Oakmont, Pittsburgh Groups Help Train Chinese Teachers to Work with Autistic Students” - Southeast Asia Prayer Center (SEAPC) and Pittsburgh Behavioral Services, both nonprofits, have partnered to make it possible to bring the teachers to the United States and provide training through the Care Project. – Tribune Live – May 12, 2019 – (Pennsylvania) - <https://is.gd/0afbhG>

56. “Bedford County Parents Question Special-Needs Representation On Division Advisory Committee” - The SEAC, which has seven members, is



responsible for determining the unmet needs of students with disabilities and developing strategies for meeting the identified needs. – News Advance – May 11, 2019 – (Virginia) - <https://is.gd/M25VNE>

## INTERNATIONAL

57. “Please Stop, Dad’: Step-Dad Sentenced for Vile Abuse in 90s” - The 63-year-old, who cannot be named, pleaded guilty in the Supreme Court to twice performing an act of gross indecency of a male in private, after performing oral sex and masturbating the then-teenager, who was the intellectual capacity of a seven-year-old. – Northern Territory News – May 12, 2019 – (Australia) - <https://is.gd/0QxxH0>
58. “Hidden Restraints, Unthinkable Assaults: Horrors of Aged Care System Exposed” - The Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety is tasked with examining evidence of substandard aged care, abuse and systematic failures, and to offer recommendations. Over three days in Sydney, the hearing focused on the use of restraints and medications to manage more than 50 percent of aged care residents who have some form of dementia. – 10 Daily – May 11, 2019 – (Australia) - <https://is.gd/aY9GVv>
59. “Appalling’: Queensland Condemned for Holding Children as Young as 10 In Police Watch Houses” - However, cases revealed by Four Corners show two children were held for 33 days or more in a watch house, including a mentally impaired 14-year-old boy, and 75 children were held for 10 days or more. Advocates say the extended periods of detention are being caused by delays in the children’s court system and shortages of places in the youth detention. – The Guardian – May 13, 2019 – (Australia) - <https://is.gd/R2ab0u>

60. 'Revolting' old man gets 12 years for raping Down syndrome woman- A serial sex offender in his 70s who lured a woman with Down syndrome from a Geelong bus stop then drove her to his home and raped her has been jailed for more than 12 years. When police arrested 70-year-old Russell Clissold – who was jailed in 2004 for a similar offence – they found a camera in his car which contained footage of disabled children playing in a park. – The Age – May 16, 2019 –(Australia) - <https://is.gd/PbTw6M>
61. “Woman Suspected of Murdering Her Handicapped Sister” - The suspected murder took place during the night between 28 and 29 April around 1:15 am. Antwerp’s public prosecutor office confirms the arrest of the woman. The suspected woman herself contacted ambulance services, explaining that her sister had stumbled during a walk and fallen into the canal where she drowned, reported La Dernière Heure. – The Brussels Times – May 1, 2019 – (Belgium) - <https://is.gd/nSTg6g>
62. “‘How Will They Eat?’ Alarm Raised Over Revamp of Ontario’s Welfare Program for Disabled” - Homelessness, hospital, jail and — for some troubled souls — suicide. Those are the bleak outcomes people on social assistance fear as the provincial government plans to change Ontario’s welfare program for the disabled. – The Star – May 11, 2019 – (Canada) - <https://is.gd/bs1UTv>
63. “Ex-Director of Care Home Found Guilty of Sexually Assaulting Woman in 30-Year-Old Case” - Cheung Kin-wah, a former director of the Bridge of Rehabilitation care home, has been found guilty of assaulting an underaged and visually impaired woman over 30 years ago. – Hong Kong Free Press – May 16, 2019 – (China)- <https://is.gd/36lGBw>
64. “Second Care Home For Vulnerable People Run By US Multinational Under Criminal Investigation As Staff Member Charged With Assault” -

[Essex](#) Police said officers are conducting “several investigations” into allegations of [assault](#) at Thors Park, a specialist hospital for men with learning disabilities in Thorrington, Essex, a day after The Independent [revealed police were investigating](#) suspected “physical and psychological abuse” of patients at Whorlton Hall, a similar institution in [County Durham](#). – Independent – May 11, 2019 – (England) - <https://is.gd/MLQi5g>

65. “Morrisdale Man Waives Elder Abuse Charges” - Chance Talen Myers, 27, of Morrisdale, who is accused of abusing an elderly woman at a local nursing home, waived his right to a preliminary hearing before Senior Magisterial District Judge Richard Ireland yesterday at Centralized Court held at the Clearfield County Jail. – The Progress – May 16, 2019 – (Ireland) - <https://is.gd/um1QoK>

66. “Man Jailed for 40 Years for Raping Disabled Woman” - “The accused Christopher Ongeri is said to have raped the vulnerable woman multiple times before neighbours reported the matter leading to his arrest. A medical report has confirmed that he is the one who raped her,” said Mogeni. – Hivisasa – May 12, 2019 – (Kenya) - <https://is.gd/y6Aof4>

67. “Police Probe Bizarre Rape, Murder of Disabled Woman in Machakos” - Police have launched investigations into the gruesome murder of a disabled woman in Machakos. The lifeless body of the 37-year-old woman who lived alone in Kalama Location, was found naked on her bed on Wednesday morning. Police suspect she was raped before her crutches were inserted into her private parts. – Daily Nation – May 15, 2019 – (Kenya)- <https://is.gd/y5xdLP>

68. “Grandmother Arrested for Alleged Involvement in Mentally Challenged Granddaughter’s Rape” - They then summoned police whose initial

investigations led to the arrest of the two suspects. Preliminary police investigations revealed that for the past three years, the victim's grandmother had allegedly arranged with the suspect to sleep with the victim to impregnate her," he said. – The Citizen – May 15, 2019 – (South Africa) - <https://is.gd/55u20Q>

69. "DISABILITIES: Get Tough On Hate Crime" - Through #ImWithSam, we've been campaigning to raise awareness of this among policy makers, the public and among people with learning disabilities so they recognise when a crime is happening and what they can do. – Morpeth Herald – May 12, 2019 – (United Kingdom) - <https://is.gd/kh8z87>

70. "Despicable Gang Poured Boiling Water On Disabled Teenager and Made Him Sing 'Barbie Girl'" - Defendants Jake West; Luke West; James Cooper and Tony Cole pleaded guilty to false imprisonment. The video was only a small part of the torture and bullying, which went on for close to three hours last September, after all five defendants turned on the teenager. – Leicestershire Live – May 2, 2019 – (United Kingdom)- <https://is.gd/YTSouT>

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

71. "What You Need to Know About Consent and Disability" - The people entrusted to care for me need to understand and respect my boundaries. – Vice – May 13, 2019 – (National) - <https://is.gd/4LuVDA>