

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 at the end. The usual categories are: *Abuse and Neglect, Accidents involving People with Disabilities, Laws & Legislation, Improved Supports, and Miscellaneous.*

This week's collection of articles has, sadly, the usual array of articles. Check the categories below for a guide. The categories are indicated by type, and the number of the article.

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Good News: 22: Day care pays \$30 million for incident that caused brain damage; 24: CA Supreme Court reverses death penalty for inmate with I/DD; 26: State takes over special education due to federal law violations; 28: Kansas governor expands background checks to national search for adult personal care givers; 30: Initial approval for bill that rape of people with disabilities leads to life sentence; 53: Zoo adds accessible car on train; 54: KS starts care home fingerprint checks; 80: Singapore passes law to protect people with disabilities from abuse.

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ABUSE & NEGLECT

1. “Deaf pregnant woman, service dog punched on Orlando flight.” A 59-year-old man punched a deaf pregnant woman and her service dog inside a Frontier flight upon landing in Orlando on Friday, Orlando police said. --- unionleader.com, May 18 (Florida) <https://is.gd/UeAGEU>
2. “Indiana Man Accused of Killing 5-Year-Old with Autism Allegedly Researched 'Painful Ways to Die' Online.” A month before his girlfriend’s 5-year-old son with autism was killed, investigators allege an Indiana man conducted internet searches on his phone for “kill my mentally retarded step-son,” “torture techniques,” and “painful ways to die,” PEOPLE confirms. --- people.com, May 17 (Indiana) <https://is.gd/K1Y0ZP>
3. “Special education teacher accused of dragging, choking, punching students.” A former Oklahoma teacher is facing two misdemeanor charges after witnesses say she physically injured her special education students. --- whio.com, May 21 (Oklahoma) <https://is.gd/0qRFsD>
4. “Centerville mom claims autistic son held in a ‘detention room’ size of a closet.” The mother of a Centerville student has filed a sheriff’s report claiming that her autistic son was placed in a room with no windows on Tuesday as a form of punishment for not meeting acceptable behavior standards. ---whio.com, May 23 (Ohio) <https://is.gd/MAoYpO>
5. “Orland bus driver accused of raping intellectually disabled woman.” An Orland man remained in the Hancock County Jail on Monday after his initial court appearance on a charge of gross sexual assault on an intellectually disabled woman. --- pressherald.com, May 21 (Maine) <https://is.gd/uea47C>
6. “25 Investigates: Cops say sex traffickers sell foster kids on the weekends.” Sex traffickers are selling foster kids on the weekends, 25 Investigates has uncovered. Investigative Reporter Eric Rasmussen found cases of kids in

foster care pimped out on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and then returned to their taxpayer-funded group homes on Monday. --- fox25boston.com, May 22 (Massachusetts) <https://is.gd/QsjLeF>

7. “Handicapped sisters have their car stolen from their driveway.” Eden and Brittany Elkins are two good looking gals who love to go out and do things. They are active and nothing gets them down, despite an auto accident in 2004 that left both of them wheelchair bound. --- kztv10.com, May 18 (Michigan) <https://is.gd/FuX2WZ>
8. “Lawsuit: Former group home employees allege rape, abuse by resident.” Two former group home employees filed a lawsuit recently against the Department of Human Services and Sherburne County claiming not enough was done to protect them from a violent resident, with one employee saying she was raped and the other saying she was punched in the face. --- fox9.com, May 23 (Minnesota) <https://is.gd/CimDzc>
9. “Mid-South teacher off the job on charges of slapping autistic student.” A Mid-South teacher assistant is out of a job after an arrest on charges she slapped a student who has autism. --- fox13memphis.com, May 18 (Mississippi) <https://is.gd/yc0hXY>
10. “14-year-old pretends he's a NY cop, robs a legally blind man.” A wily 14-year-old boy who posed as a New York City police officer while snatching a legally blind man's wallet in a Manhattan subway station on pretense of helping him was arrested on Sunday. --- abcnews.go.com, May 20 (New York) <https://is.gd/47apsH>
11. “Alleged assault, behavior at hospital lead to multiple charges.” A man accused of assaulting a handicapped person at a Wall Avenue home late Saturday night is facing multiple charges after alleged misbehavior at Southeastern Med in Cambridge while being cleared for incarceration in the Guernsey County Jail. --- daily-jeff.com, May 21 (Ohio) <https://is.gd/oblmvF>

12. "Teacher accused of choking, punching and dragging special education students." A former special education teacher is accused of choking and dragging her students, along with multiple other allegations of physical abuse, according to KFOR. --- kplr11.com, May 17 (Oklahoma) <https://is.gd/UkrgSJ>
13. "Father says neighbor is targeting his kids with offensive signs." Offensive and disgusting. "It's just so hurtful to see it," said Matthew McCauley, describing the signs hanging in his neighbor's backyard facing his home. --- wkrn.com, May 19 (Tennessee) <https://is.gd/u8syLS>
14. "Gang members convicted of robbing, beating family member in a wheelchair." Two Knoxville gang members were convicted of robbing family member in a wheelchair, according to the Knox County District Attorney's Office. --- wate.com, May 18 (Tennessee) <https://is.gd/8pJVnD>
15. "Dozens of girls still in care facility after allegations of sexual, physical abuse surface, DA says." Authorities raided two children's homes outside Houston on Wednesday after multiple staff members were accused of physically abusing underage girls in their care, according to the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office. There were also allegations that one girl was sexually abused. --- cnn.com, May 18 (Texas) <https://is.gd/DCVUNY>
16. "Dulles HS student with autism choked by school employee, mother says." The allegations are painful for a Fort Bend County mother who didn't want to be identified. She said her 15-year-old son, classified as highly functioning on the autism spectrum, was choked by a male staff member at Dulles High School earlier this month. We spoke to her son as well. --- click2houston.com, May 17 (Texas) <https://is.gd/PYO1sH>
17. "In 1979, police believe men killed a man in a wheelchair then dressed as women and fled. Now, Utah police want to find them." Jack Richardson took his family fishing and hunting, sledding and tubing. If he couldn't participate in the activity — and he usually could — he would film his children playing. He didn't let his wheelchair get in the way of family fun. ---

sltrib.com, May 18 (Utah) <https://is.gd/yT1l2x>

18. “VA's Caregiver Program Still Dropping Veterans with Disabilities.” In the early days of the Iraq War, troops were riding around in Humvees with almost no armor on them. There was a scandal about it, and within a few years the trucks got up-armored with thick steel plates, which solved one problem but created another. --- npr.org, May 21 (Virginia) <https://is.gd/Od82nn>

GUARDIANSHIP

19. “North Carolinians describe guardianship as a 'sick, twisted process'.” “It's a sick, twisted process and you're just basically stripped of your civil rights.” That's how Perquita Burgess described guardianship in North Carolina. --- cbs17.com, May 23 (North Carolina) <https://is.gd/KfsA4V>
20. “Ombudsman highlights most common problems faced by special guardians.” Councils need to provide the right support and guidance to carers and children subject to Special Guardianship Orders, the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman has said. --- familylawweek.co.uk, May 17 <https://is.gd/GNVWVC>

LAWS & LEGISLATIONS

21. “To Survive the Trumppocalypse, We Need Wild Disability Justice Dreams.” Sick and disabled and neurodivergent folks aren't supposed to dream, especially if we are queer and Black or Brown -- we're just supposed to be

grateful the "normals" let us live. But I am the product of some wild disabled Black and Brown queer revolutionary dreaming, and I am dedicated to dreaming more sick and disabled queer Brown femme dreams in 2018. ---- truth-out.org, May 20 <https://is.gd/lkKSrT>

22. "Religious daycare responsible for child's traumatic brain injury; jury awards over \$30 million." The parents of a child who suffered permanent brain damage after an incident at his daycare have won over \$30 million in damages. --- al.com, May 19 (Alabama) <https://is.gd/HC3VBq>
23. "District staff request \$2.4M for special ed reform." The school board will discuss Tuesday a staff request to allocate \$2.4 million to improve the district's special-education services and address areas in which the department is out of compliance. --- paloaltoonline.com, May 22 (California) <https://is.gd/tk59w0>
24. "California Supreme Court overturns killer's death sentence, citing intellectual disability." An inmate who has been on California's death row for more than two decades may not be executed because he is intellectually disabled, the California Supreme Court decided unanimously Thursday. --- latimes.com, May 24 (California) <https://is.gd/9y4lwZ>
25. "Lawsuit: Stanford violated students' rights in mental health response." In a class-action lawsuit filed Thursday, a group of Stanford University students allege that the university has repeatedly violated state and federal anti-discrimination laws in its response to students with mental health disabilities, including those who have been hospitalized for suicide attempts. --- paloaltoonline.com, May 18 (California) <https://is.gd/b7VEQa>
26. "Illinois Imposes Sweeping Control Over Chicago's Special Education Program." The state of Illinois is taking control of Chicago Public Schools' special education program. An investigation found that the school district violated federal law two years ago when it overhauled its program for children with disabilities. --- wemu.org, May 17 (Illinois) <https://is.gd/nSaiJ1>

27. "Defense starts its case in final week of Graff, Children's Care lawsuit trial." A Sioux Falls mother completed her testimony Monday about her autistic son's experience at a Sioux Falls behavioral hospital and school as part of her family's lawsuit against the facility. --- argusleader.com, May 21 (Iowa) <https://is.gd/zg2SCk>
28. "Colyer Signs Care Worker Background Check Bill." Background checks for care home workers are about to become more thorough. Kansas Governor Jeff Colyer signed a bill into law Thursday that allows the Department for Aging and Disability Services to expand its background checks to the national database, for those applying to work in adult care homes or at home health agencies. --- kfdi.com, May 19 (Kansas) <https://is.gd/djBvlo>
29. "After wave of resignations, Shawnee Mission announces big changes to special education department." The Shawnee Mission School District will reorganize the structure of its special education department for the coming school year and current director Jackie Chatman will step into an assistant director role, the administration announced late Friday. --- shawneemissionpost.com, May 21 (Kansas) <https://is.gd/9bh2m0>
30. "Garden of Peace bill goes to Baker." ... The House gave initial approval to a bill creating the crime of rape of a person with a physical disability and imposing up to a life sentence on anyone convicted of this crime. --- sentinelandenterprise.com, May 21 (Maine) <https://is.gd/yy2Tni>
31. "Maryland parents battle with school districts to get special education services for their children." Raising a child who has a disability or learning disorder is difficult enough, but some parents say they are having to go to battle with their school district to get special education services. Even more troubling, research shows there is an unequal playing field for parents who don't have an attorney. ---- fox5dc.com, May 24 (Maryland) <https://is.gd/UUzca9>
32. "Handicapped woman accuses City of Las Cruces of ADA violations." Shelly Nichols-Shaw says she likes to think of herself as not handicapped, but

handi-capable. --- kvia.com, May 21 (New Mexico) <https://is.gd/mJCS6b>

33. “Hyde Park mother fights for bill that protects disabled, vulnerable people.” Bailey Bates loved art and would often spend hours drawing. The Franklin Delano Roosevelt High School graduate was popular and passionate about art, but with an IQ of 87, the autistic teen also was vulnerable. --- poughkeepsiejournal.com, May 21 (New York) <https://is.gd/7yBQBK>
34. “Database will give Ohio law enforcement info on people with disabilities.” A new database will alert Ohio law enforcement officers about motorists and passengers with communication disabilities who could be mistaken for someone impaired or a threat. --- nbc4i.com, May 20 (Ohio) <https://is.gd/PENrmQ>
35. “Mentally Disabled Pennsylvanians Can Proceed with Class Action Over 'Sad Reality' of DHS Care.” A federal class action has been allowed to proceed against the state Department of Human Services, brought by a group of mentally disabled Pennsylvania youths claiming they were left too long in treatment facilities and not given access to proper treatment. --- law.com, May 24 (Pennsylvania) <https://is.gd/z6NRIT>
36. “Former Children's Care employees: No harm done to autistic child in restraints.” Defense attorneys for a children’s hospital and school being accused of improperly restraining an autistic resident continued their case Wednesday. --- argusleader.com, May 23 (South Dakota) <https://is.gd/Zt1wZC>
37. “Why Is Bobby Moore Still on Death Row, Despite a Recent Supreme Court Decision in His Favor?” More than a year ago, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled that the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals violated the U.S. Constitution in rejecting an inmate named Bobby Moore’s claim that he is intellectually disabled and thus ineligible for the death penalty. --- theroot.com, May 19 (Texas) <https://is.gd/umPBlS>

38. “Expert: Man set for trial in killing of Muslim teen may be too impaired to face death penalty.” A man set for a capital murder trial for the high-profile killing of a Muslim teen in Virginia is “likely intellectually disabled” and should be evaluated to determine if he has the mental capacity to face the death penalty, according to a neuropsychologist. --- richmond.com, May 19 (Virginia) <https://is.gd/035SMg>
39. “Lobbyist: Plans Needed to Protect Disabled Students During Active Shooter Scenarios.” When students are evacuated from school during an active shooter scenario, police may request students come out with their hands up. --- wpr.org, May 21 (Wisconsin) <https://is.gd/HL0eev>

STUDIES & STATISTICS

40. “Suicidal? Be prepared to wait for care.” “Your son needs to be in the hospital, but we don’t have any open beds,” I tell the patient’s family in the hallway. It’s another busy night in the emergency department, and I’m the on-call psychiatrist. --- washingtonpost.com, May 19 <https://is.gd/kEaCLK>
41. “Only 5 out of 21 NLUs reserve 5% seats for Persons with Disabilities” The Centre for Disability Studies and Health Laws (CDSHL) of the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam (NLUJA), has found that only 5 out of 21 National Law Universities reserve the statutory minimum of 5% seats for persons with disabilities as required under the Persons with Disabilities (PWD) Act, 2016. --- barandbench.com, May 20 (India) <https://is.gd/28OnEU>
42. “Patients with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Their Caretakers.” THE MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL concomitants of the fetal alcohol syndrome (FAS) have been thoroughly described in the literature. --- ournals.sagepub.com,

May 20 <https://is.gd/4Vk6KP>

43. “Fish-eating habits of pregnant women not linked to autistic traits in their children.” A major study examining the fish-eating habits of pregnant women has found that they are not linked to autism or autistic traits in their children. --- news-medical.net, May 21 <https://is.gd/cUDRMN>
44. “Unmet Therapy Needs Common in Children with Traumatic Brain Injury.” Children with moderate to severe traumatic brain injury (TBI) and complicated mild traumatic brain injury (cmTBI) are likely to have unmet service needs, including needs for occupational therapy (OT), speech therapy (ST), physical therapy (PT), mental health services, psychiatry services, and educational services, as reported in Pediatrics. --- neurologyadvisor.com, May 21 <https://is.gd/GXY5Re>
45. “Here’s why psychiatric hospitals are so bad at helping transgender patients.” One of America's most at-risk populations frequently gets incompetent and unwelcoming care at psychiatric facilities. --- thinkprogress.org, May 21 <https://is.gd/ISdRil>
46. “Screenings Miss Signs of Autism, Especially in Girls.” An important checklist used to screen for autism can miss subtle clues in some children, delaying their eventual diagnosis. --- webmd.com, May 21 <https://is.gd/GNKepH>
47. “Exploring how brains grow could help explain autism.” Approximately 24.8 million people worldwide are diagnosed with some form of autism, according to a 2015 report, exhibiting social disconnection, communication issues, and repetitive behaviors due to brain connections going kaput sometime during the organ’s development. --- massivesci.com, May 22 <https://is.gd/9hEUSD>

IMPROVED SUPPORTS

48. “10 of the best cities in the US for wheelchair-accessible travel.” There's no doubt that the United States is one of the best countries to travel to. After all, there are 50 states available for exploration. --- thisisinsider.com, May 23 <https://is.gd/MvVgWj>
49. “Disability Activists Fight for the Right to Live in Their Communities.” Living in the community is something most nondisabled people take for granted. But for people with disabilities, it's no guarantee—it's something advocates have spent decades fighting for. --- rewire.news, May 18 <https://is.gd/Ne2HU0>
50. “CPS Parents: Monitor Not Enough to Fix Special Education.” Responsibility over Chicago Public Schools' special education management will be handed to a state-appointed monitor, but several parents and advocates don't want to wait for that transition before the district starts making fixes. --- chicagotonight.wttw.com, May 23 (Illinois) <https://is.gd/nrflhQ>
51. “Autism rates on the rise, allies there to help.” Rates in April 2016 showed one in 68 children were living with a diagnosis on the spectrum, but numbers now indicate that it is on the rise, with one out of every 59 eight-year-old children living with a diagnosis. --- kpcnews.com, May 19 (Indiana) <https://is.gd/8bmxYR>
52. “A Noblesville student with Down syndrome can walk at graduation, thanks to mom's fight.” After petitions, social media activism from the Noblesville community and a Facebook Live broadcast, Lisa Hipkiss will see her daughter walk. --- indystar.com, May 21 (Indiana) <https://is.gd/5DXVxV>
53. “Fort Wayne zoo adds wheelchair car to train.” The Fort Wayne Children's Zoo's popular train can now carry guests of all abilities. The zoo on Tuesday unveiled a new wheelchair-accessible car on its Z.O.&O. railroad train ride.

The car was made possible through a \$25,000 grant from AWS and the M.E. Raker Foundation. --- wane.com, May 22 (Indiana) <https://is.gd/VysXRH>

54. "Kansas starts care home fingerprint checks." Kansas Governor Jeff Colyer signed into law Thursday a bill authorising the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services' (KDADS) Health Occupations Credentialing program to conduct national fingerprint-based background checks on individuals. --- planetbiometrics.com, May 18 (Kansas) <https://is.gd/OnnnE0>
55. "Startup Showcase: Offering stylish comfort for teens with autism." According to the Autism Society, more than 3.5 million Americans live with an autism spectrum disorder and the prevalence of autism in U.S. children increased by 119.4 percent from 2000 to 2010. It is the fastest-growing developmental disability in the country. --- twincities.com, May 19 (Minnesota) <https://is.gd/7LLJSL>
56. "Woman says two airlines broke her wheelchair multiple times." A Nebraska woman got an apology from two different airlines after they broke her wheelchair. It looks like Neena Nizar is moving around just fine in her wheelchair, but she has to be careful. --- kron4.com, May 18 (Nebraska) <https://is.gd/OuKc8o>
57. "The Inclusion Center Provides Transition and Training for Autistic Young Adults." Autistic students in East Brunswick have the benefit of an expansive program of services and support both within the school system and from community resources. What happens, though, to those young adults who "age out" or graduate from high schools and still require direction and training? The Inclusion Center of East Brunswick may provide the link that supports the transition from school life to adult life for young people with autism. --- tapinto.net, May 21 (New Jersey) <https://is.gd/MByxA1>
58. "GLITCH CONFERENCE HELPS STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES TRANSITION INTO ADULTHOOD." Local high school students with disabilities and their families made the trip to Mohawk Valley Community College in Utica on

Monday to learn about resources in the community to help them transition into adulthood. --- wktv.com, May 21 (New York) <https://is.gd/p6NwGN>

59. “disAbility Resource Center wants youths with disabilities to know their rights.” The only center for independent living for 100 miles wants to address a community void; the Center for Independent Living (CIL) is educating young, disabled adults about their rights. --- portcitydaily.com, May 22 (North Carolina) <https://is.gd/xBjdgj>
60. “‘It’s on everybody’: A look at child protection services in our area following three child deaths.” Three children recently died within a 60-mile radius of here, allegedly at the hands of caregivers who should have protected them. --- bismarcktribune.com, May 20 (North Dakota) <https://is.gd/t4x09X>
61. “Tattoo shop promotes Down's Syndrome awareness.” Families in Mandan were raising awareness for Down's Syndrome in a unique way. A new tattoo was available at a discount Saturday at Doll's Studio. Dozens of parents, grandparents, and community members turned out to get tattoos and show support. --- kfyrtv.com, May 19 (North Dakota) <https://is.gd/HKiOzM>
62. “SC children can't get autism therapy they need, and it's the state's fault, suit says.” S.C. children in need of intensive autism treatment cannot find therapists, and the state's Medicaid agency is to blame, according to a federal lawsuit that alleges the state is driving therapists away by failing to pay them enough. --- thestate.com, May 22 (South Carolina) <https://is.gd/wgXjI2>
63. “Group aims to preserve and share Western Pa. disability history.” A group of advocates and historians is working to document, preserve and share the history of people with disabilities and their activism in Western Pennsylvania. --- post-gazette.com, May 21 (Pennsylvania) <https://is.gd/ufRsMo>

64. "Privatizing essential human services like the VA can come at a high social cost." Over the years, countries have privatized dozens of services and activities once the sole domain of governments, such as the provision of electricity and water, road operations, prisons and even health care, with the ostensible aim of making them more efficient. --- theconversation.com, May 18 (Virginia) <https://is.gd/cpS7jA>
65. "Much needed respite: Arc of Spokane's special home offers overnight stays for special-needs adults." Caregivers of a 23-year-old son with disabilities, Tom and Deborah Stutes needed a vacation from the strain of daily supervision. --- spokesman.com, May 18 (Washington) <https://is.gd/zAplaK>
66. "Wings for Autism give people confidence to fly." About 80 families with loved ones who have autism, participated in the Wings for Autism simulation at the Appleton International Airport on Saturday. --- wbay.com, May 19 (Wisconsin) <https://is.gd/ZOas8D>
67. "Parents say special education is in crisis, address MMSD." A group of parents to special education students voiced their concerns at Monday night's school board meeting. --- channel3000.com, May 21 (Wisconsin) <https://is.gd/q7W8IS>

INTERNATIONAL

68. "Autistic girl not allowed on flight because service dog 'didn't have a ticket'." An autistic teenager was told she would not be allowed to fly by an air hostess because her service dog hadn't bought a ticket Anna, 16, had booked to fly from Melbourne to Sydney in Australia with JetStar alongside her mother Doris Dehm and dog Dalma. --- metro.co.uk, May 24 (Australia)

<https://is.gd/4OE1BG>

69. “NDIS mistakenly posts changes restricting access for autistic children.” The Turnbull government has accidentally published details of changes that would deny a huge number of autistic children direct access to the national disability insurance scheme, causing “outrage” among autism groups. --- theguardian.com, May 18 (Australia) <https://is.gd/hljt2y>
70. “Brazil: People with Disabilities Confined in Terrible Conditions.” Thousands of children and adults with disabilities in Brazil are needlessly confined to institutions, where they may face neglect and abuse, Human Rights Watch said in a report released today. Brazil should make it a priority to provide support for people with disabilities to live independently and in their communities, rather than in institutions. --- hrw.org, May 23 (Brazil) <https://is.gd/JHZpJ5>
71. “Across China: Father gives disabled youth a chance to work.” Zhang Jianxin is passionate about working on the farm. Every morning, he gets up on time at 6:30 a.m. After making his bed and washing, he begins cleaning the yard or feeding the geese. --- xinhuanet.com, May 20 (China) <https://is.gd/gKINbA>
72. “Advocate: Vulnerable kids need more protection.” The word from an advocate at the front line of nonprofit services for people living in poverty is that many of Guam's children need more protection. --- postguam.com, May 23 (Guam) <https://is.gd/JB8kAf>
73. “Special schools need better sex education, argues Inclusion Ireland.” People with an intellectual disability need better relationships and sexuality education (RSE) following the end of a ban on anyone who is mentally impaired or intellectually challenged having sex outside marriage, says Inclusion Ireland. --- thetimes.co.uk, May 20 (Ireland) <https://is.gd/w1u8UU>
74. “Irish abortion vote: 'propagandistic' use of children with Down's syndrome condemned.” Father, doctor and pro-choice campaigner accuses anti-

abortion lobby of exploiting 'vulnerable group' in referendum ---
theguardian.com, May 22 (Ireland) <https://is.gd/QCLAeT>

75. "Woman with disability told she cannot take part in political activity if PA is with her." A woman with a serious disability who requires the support of a personal assistant has been told she cannot take part in any political activity if her PA is with her. --- irishtimes.com, May 18 (Ireland) <https://is.gd/AqIZAc>
76. "The struggles of raising autistic kids in the provinces." Lucy Moses is mum to not just one autistic child, but four daughters - and that presents overwhelming challenges living in the isolated settlement of Tuai, in Hawke's Bay. --- newshub.co.nz, May 20 (New Zealand) <https://is.gd/MOGy8W>
77. "Euthanasia bill a 'Clayton's choice for disabled people'." The Disability Rights Commissioner has clashed with MPs over a proposed euthanasia law, claiming it could apply to people with intellectual disabilities. --- radionz.co.nz, May 22 (New Zealand) <https://is.gd/tT0nhN>
78. "More funding needed for development of special education needs coordinators says Tawhero School principal in Whanganui." The budget is out, but the consensus is still the same when it comes to funding for special education needs co-ordinators (Sencos). They need more. --- nzherald.co.nz, May 21 (New Zealand) <https://is.gd/uHrbFE>
79. "MSP says Bank closures may exclude disabled." A question asked this week by Gordon Macdonald MSP, into banking provision by RBS has revealed that the Scottish Government believes the proposals to have "serious implications for disabled people". --- theedinburghreporter.co.uk, May 20 (Scotland) <https://is.gd/enZz1h>
80. "Law to protect vulnerable adults from abuse and neglect passed." A long-awaited law that allows the Government to step in and protect seniors and people with disabilities from abuse and was passed in Parliament on Friday

(May 18). --- straitstimes.com, May 18 (Singapore) <https://is.gd/MZD630>

81. “International report - Patent Attorney Act to include disability rights.” On April 26 2018 the Executive Yuan passed a draft amendment to Articles 4, 37 and 40 of the Patent Attorney Act. The draft amendment was proposed and drafted by the Taiwan Intellectual Property Office (TIPO), passed to the Executive Yuan for review and modification and has since been sent to the Legislative Yuan for inspection and formal amendment through three successive readings. --- iam-media.com, May 23 (Taiwan) <https://is.gd/gwYUFi>
82. “Repeal is 'akin to a licence to kill over disability'.” A leading disability rights campaigner and member of the British House of Lords is urging voters to vote No in the upcoming referendum on repealing the Eighth Amendment to save the lives of unborn babies with disabilities. --- independent.ie, May 19 (UK) <https://is.gd/VCTzIJ>
83. “Kamran Mallick: ‘I want to change the world for disabled people’.” As a child, Kamran Mallick was subjected to racist taunts in the playground. As a teenager, his school’s physics lab was inaccessible so he had to travel to a neighbouring college for physics lessons. In his first full-time job, his boss used to pat him on the head when she stood next to his wheelchair. --- theguardian.com, May 23 (UK) <https://is.gd/UWIWfY>
84. “Autistic boy was thrown off a bus ‘because he didn’t look disabled’.” A teenager with autism was thrown off a bus because he didn’t look disabled, it was claimed. Connor McEndoor, 18, showed the driver his disability pass when he boarded on Thursday to go to college. --- metro.co.uk. May 19 (UK)
85. “Political row breaks out over Asperger's councilors.” A major political row has broken out at Powys County Council over the rejection of Councillor Pete Roberts as chairman of the Learning Skills and Economy Scrutiny Committee. The councillor was about to be voted off as the paid chairman of the important scrutiny committee because of a poor attendance record

when he made a passionate speech to the council announcing he had high functioning Autism and Asperger's syndrome. --- mywelshpool.co.uk, May 21 (UK) <https://is.gd/3rEZzr>

MISCELLANEOUS

86. "Reporting on sexual abuse – the most difficult journalism of all." It is terribly difficult to investigate and write about sexual abuse and assault. Steinhoff's Markus Jooste and Chris to Wiese doing their opaque financial contortions authorising them to call stealing "doing aggressive business" while gluttonising themselves on more luxury houses and horses, massive cars and half starved wives and girlfriends; the Guptas and their intellectually challenged ministers doing country, boardroom and tender takeovers, in comparison, is a piece of candy. --- dailymaverick.co.za, May 24 <https://is.gd/JuHTOQ>
87. "Anthony Hopkins and his estranged daughter: Abandonment, addictions and his Asperger's syndrome." Anthony Hopkins shocked fans this week with what many would say was his callous admission that he has no relationship with his only child, 48-year-old musician and actress Abigail Hopkins. Moreover, the 80-year-old Oscar winning actor added that he doesn't know if she's ever made him a grandfather and that he "doesn't care" about not knowing. --- mercurynews.com, May 24 <https://is.gd/QX65ko>
88. "What Does It Feel Like...to be an actor with Down Syndrome." I always feel extraordinary when I'm standing on stage. When my mum first saw me up there, I could see a tear in her eye. I like dancing, writing and singing for fun. I take every opportunity that I get to act because it makes me feel so special. I hope I make my mum proud and get further in life. One day, I want to be a star on Coronation Street. --- heraldscotland.com, May 18 <https://is.gd/s2iziW>

89. "Should More Superheroes with Disabilities Be Reflected in Movies? Why This Actor Says Yes." "Disability is also a part of diversity." --- aplus.com, May 18 <https://is.gd/8zFx1U>

90. "How gamers with disabilities shaped the Microsoft Adaptive Controller." Solomon Romney was 15 when he realised video games had finally beaten him. Born with no fingers on his left hand, he'd managed just fine through the 1980s, hanging out in the arcades, benefiting from the limited inputs of those classic coin-ops with their one-stick-two-button set-ups. --- eurogamer.net, May 20 <https://is.gd/LNOKd6>