

Disability and Abuse Newsfeed

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ABUSE & NEGLECT

1. “Man charged with sexually abusing disabled woman.” A Lewiston man has been charged for allegedly sexually abusing a mentally disabled woman. Simon Dewater, 57, is charged with one count of sexually abusing a vulnerable adult. ---Imtribune.com, May 30 (Idaho) <https://is.gd/E7f6ls>

2. "Harrisburg man gets 5 years in prison for hitting disabled man in the face." A Harrisburg man will serve prison time after he hit an intellectually disabled man in the face last summer. According to a news release from Saline County state's attorney Jayson Clark, Dakota C. Arthur, 25, of Harrisburg, was sentenced on Wednesday to five years in prison with one-year mandatory supervised release. --- thesouthern.com, May 30 (Illinois) <https://is.gd/0w2qHD>
3. "Intellectually disabled woman found locked in bedroom, Davenport couple charged with neglect." A Davenport husband and wife have been arrested after police found the woman's adult intellectually disabled daughter locked in an upstairs bedroom. --- qctimes.com, May 25 (Iowa) <https://is.gd/ULOFzs>
4. "McLean Co. man facing neglect and cruelty charges." A McLean County man is facing several charges, after detectives say they found an elderly woman in his care living in unsuitable conditions. Billy Fowler, 24, is being held in the Daviess County Jail. --- 14news.com, May 26 (Kentucky) <https://is.gd/c6538P>
5. "Carl DeBrodie was killed by injuries from forced fighting, court documents reveal graphic details." New allegations released in a civil lawsuit reveal Carl DeBrodie was forced to physically fight another resident for the "benefit and amusement of Paulo and her family," those events eventually causing his death. Sherry Paulo was the manager of Second Chance Homes, where Carl was living before he died. --- abc17news.com, May 31 (Missouri) <https://is.gd/H3XL1x>
6. "Autistic teen says Freehold kidnapping suspect raped her: 'He sounded mean'," A home-health aide facing kidnapping and rape charges preyed on a 14-year-old autistic girl, who got into the car with him because "he sounded mean," an assistant prosecutor told a judge on Tuesday. --- app.com, May 29 (New Jersey) <https://is.gd/iUnSUc>

7. “Norfolk woman and man arrested for abuse of their incapacitated son.” A man and woman have been arrested and charged for abuse and neglect of an "incapacitated adult." Georgia Arenz and her husband Philip have both been charged with neglecting their disabled son as well as maliciously causing serious bodily injury. --- wtkr.com, May 25 (Virginia) <https://is.gd/P5Qk8s>
8. “Mother, fiancé charged in death of 11-year-old autistic child, caused abdomen to split.” Officials said a woman charged with the murder of her 11-year-old daughter is denied bond. WTKR reports Norfolk Police found 11-year-old Heaven Watkins dead inside a home in Norfolk. --- wset.com, May 28 (Virginia) <https://is.gd/cGGdPH>

GUARDIANSHIP

9. “Arc gets grants to help people with disabilities.” The Arc of Monroe County has been awarded \$215,000 in grants to support its guardianship and recreation programs. Awarded by NYSARC Inc. Trust Services, a \$200,000 grant will provide guardianship services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities who would not otherwise have a legal guardian or advocate. --- rbj.net, May 29 (New York) <https://is.gd/38mJAR>

LAWS & LEGISLATION

10. “Disability and Civil Rights Groups Sue DeVos Over Investigation Rollbacks.” Three national civil rights organizations sued the Education Department on Thursday over new procedures that allow its Office for Civil Rights to dismiss complaints that it determines to be burdensome or a drain on the

department's resources. --- nytimes.com, May 31 <https://is.gd/33DbIQ>

11. "Death sentence overturned for intellectually disabled man." A man who has been on California's death row for more than three decades can't be executed because he's intellectually disabled, the state's highest court ruled Thursday. --- sacbee.com, May 24 (California) <https://is.gd/ti7tgw>
12. "Parents of special-needs students allege rights violations by Antioch school district." The parents of a special-needs student recently filed a lawsuit against Antioch Unified School District (AUSD) along with 10 unnamed defendants alleging their son was discriminated against for his race and disability. ---norcalrecord.com, May 30 (California) <https://is.gd/s3iYWw>
13. "Special education in tumult as Adams 14 faces resignations, parent complaints." Just weeks from the end of the school year, Ed Collins found out that his 7-year-old son was not getting all the instruction he was supposed to get to address his attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. --- chalkbeat.org, May 24 (Colorado) <https://is.gd/sNj21v>
14. "Jury votes in favor of Children's Care in prone restraint lawsuit." A children's hospital and school accused by a Sioux Falls family of improperly restraining an autistic student was found not to have been negligent in its care and did not cause the student lasting emotional distress, a jury ruled Friday. --- argusleader.com, May 25 (Iowa) <https://is.gd/jb3ini>
15. "Iowa paid dearly for holding this troubled teen in isolation for up to 21 hours a day. He's not the only one being locked away." For nearly 2½ years, JaQuan Bradford — a boy with emotional and mental disabilities — was held in isolation by the Iowa Department of Human Services for most of each day. ---desmoinesregister.com, May 30 (Iowa) <https://is.gd/znNeQo>
16. "Kansas Medicaid Woes Prolong Wait for Autistic Kids Needing Therapy." Five-year-old Ridley Fitzmorris sits at a picnic table in his backyard in Lawrence, one leg dangling and the other tucked beneath him. His eyes are focused on a row of Hot Wheels that his therapist asked him to count. ---

cur.org, May 29 (Kansas) <https://is.gd/c5qral>

17. “Caferro fights for disability rights.” Mary Caferro is running for House District 81. Mary is big on disability programs and disability rights. I want her to be in the Legislature. --- helenair.com, May 25 (Montana) <https://is.gd/zmM1tf>
18. “N.J. Family Says Neighbor Is Fighting Their Plan to Install Ramp for Handicapped Son.” A disabled teenager is at the center of a housing fight in New Jersey. His family wants to install a wheelchair ramp at the entrance of their home, but a neighbor is battling them. --- newyork.cbslocal.com, May 31 (New Jersey) <https://is.gd/JXlj8k>
19. “Bill aims to boost employment opportunities for N.C. individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.” Three years ago, the Republican-led N.C. General Assembly approved legislation offering individuals with disabilities a chance to lead more financially independent lives. --- journalnow.com, May 26 (North Carolina) <https://is.gd/4BveRI>
20. “Chattanooga family fights to keep autistic son out of courts system.” Nickolas Current's aspirations don't sound too different from a typical 18-year-old: He wants to build big muscles, get his GED diploma and hopefully go to college and study music production. But he's currently embroiled in two domestic assault cases that his family says are the result of his autism spectrum disorder. --- timesfreepress.com, May 31 (Tennessee) <https://is.gd/H011oZ>
21. “How 'special' education impedes social justice for students with autism.” To receive special education services, students must meet the eligibility criteria for one of the 13 disability categories designated by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004. To access services, predefined criteria from one of these examples must adversely affect a student’s academic performance to a “disabling” degree. These disability labels do a disservice to students in a number of ways. --- educationdive.com, May 31

(Texas) <https://is.gd/uTGmnk>

22. “DOL Says Settlement Close In \$2.2M Group Home Wage Row.” The U.S. Department of Labor and the operator of three residential group homes in Texas have asked a court to pause a \$2.2 million lawsuit alleging the employer unlawfully deducted wages from workers' pay for sleep time in violation of federal labor law, citing a pending settlement. --- law360.com, May 29 (Texas) <https://is.gd/THSkfC>
23. “Gov. Scott signs special education reform bill into law.” Gov. Phil Scott has signed H.897, a significant reform of Vermont's special education system in schools. The bill passed the House and Senate with near-unanimous support. --- mynbc5.com, May 25 (Vermont) <https://is.gd/EPz4IA>

STUDIES & STATISTICS

24. “Victims of Sexual Abuse Face a Lifetime of Costly Problems.” My latest research(link is external), published this month in the journal Child Abuse and Neglect, describes the impact of child sexual abuse from a perspective that researchers in my field don't often talk about: the economic burden of violence and abuse in the U.S. --- psychologytoday.com, May 30 <https://is.gd/5DVoQf>
25. “ABC15 News Special Report: Depression and anxiety on the rise in adolescents.” There's a good chance you've seen commercials advertising for anti-depressant or anti-anxiety medication. Maybe you've taken the medication yourself. --- wpde.com, May 18 <https://is.gd/fmwoaS>
26. “Linguistics presenters shed light on experiences, hopes of deaf communities.” A UCLA lecturer signed he believes being deaf is something to take pride in and nothing to be ashamed of. “Oftentimes we meet

people who take pity on us,” signed Benjamin Lewis, a lecturer in the department of linguistics. “So I want to plant a new seed that being deaf is great. It’s nothing to feel sad about.” --- dailybruin.com, May 24

<https://is.gd/PWaZww>

27. “WFAA Reports Anti-Psychotics Still Widely Used in Nursing Homes Despite FDA Warnings.” WFAA investigations have found that nursing homes are still pushing anti-psychotic medications despite repeated warnings from the FDA and settlements. The investigation found that Jessie Stagner, a 96-year-old in good physical health, was living at an Austin nursing home when she was prescribed Risperdal, an anti-psychotic medication. --- legalscoops.com, May 24 <https://is.gd/fhICBX>
28. “Lack of medical follow-up in head injuries a ‘massive public health epidemic,’ researcher says.” Every year, millions of Americans walk through emergency room doors to seek treatment for a traumatic brain injury. For many patients, that’s the last time they receive help. --- post-gazette.com, May 25 <https://is.gd/l87ESj>
29. “Female sex linked to antidepressant exposure, mania in bipolar disorder.” Risk factors most strongly linked to antidepressant exposure in bipolar disorder include female sex, older age, greater chronicity of illness and white race, according to study data. The results also showed that female sex was associated with a history of antidepressant-induced mania. --- healio.com, May 28 <https://is.gd/Ga4HlM>
30. “Long-Term Use of Antidepressants Increases the Risk of Obesity.” Over a long period, taking antidepressants may be linked to weight gain. Indeed, according to a study published in the medical journal BMJ, after two or three years of continuous antidepressant use, normal-weight patients tend to become overweight. --- thetalkingdemocrat.com, May 28 <https://is.gd/FBAR6o>
31. “To get an autism diagnosis, girls need worse social skills than boys.” Girls with an autism diagnosis have more severe impairments in social

communication than boys with the diagnosis, according to a large population-based study. The reverse is true for boys and girls in the general population, the researchers found. --- spectrumnews.org, May 28 <https://is.gd/jZ8SqG>

32. “You can inherit schizophrenia. But what happens during pregnancy is key, new study says.” During its brief existence, the placenta is a workhorse of an organ. That’s because the fetus growing inside is entirely reliant on the placenta, which performs a dizzying array of functions (supplying oxygen, food and more) that will later be divvied up among the liver, kidneys, gut and lungs. --- miamiherald.com, May 28 <https://is.gd/nUOmCH>
33. “Seizures in children could trigger brain networks linked to autism.” Children who experience seizures at a crucial point in the development of their brains could face a higher risk of intellectual disability and autism, according to new research from the University of Pennsylvania. --- phillyvoice.com, May 29 <https://is.gd/XhC70E>

IMPROVED SUPPORTS

34. “7 Misconceptions About Having Sex with a Physical Disability.” Having a healthy sexual appetite and a physical disability aren’t mutually exclusive. Far too many people assume that all people with disabilities don’t have the same desire for pleasure or the physical capability to engage in sex. Below, disability advocates share some of the worst misconceptions they’ve encountered about their love lives. --- huffingtonpost.com, May 29 <https://is.gd/8xYflk>
35. “New App Translates Babies’ Cries So Deaf Parents Understand What’s Going On.” An artificial intelligence app is helping deaf parents care for their children by not only telling when a baby might be crying, but also why.

Delbert and Sanaz Whetter have equipped their home with cameras and sound monitors, reports CBS2's Dr. Max Gomez. --- newyork.cbslocal.com, May 25 <https://is.gd/aftHNq>

36. "'You can never be too safe' – Marshall Co. mom wants autistic child awareness road signs." A Tennessee Valley mom wants to see some change. It starts with her little son who is autistic and nonverbal, and it would end with state officials. --- whnt.com, May 29 (Tennessee) <https://is.gd/h6XG1k>
37. "Adults with Down syndrome are more independent, experts say, but face challenges in getting old." Meika Lively has her own language, understood by family members and others close to her. As a 33-year-old with Down syndrome and the speech and hearing problems common for those with the condition, she's found a way to communicate, sometimes using hand signals or props. --- cronkitenews.azpbs.org, May 25 (Arizona) <https://is.gd/8cZtr8>
38. "School officials say special ed growing, but funding lagging." An increase in special-education students has presented a challenge for Moorpark Unified School District and for Ventura County's 19 other districts. --- mpacorn.com, May 25 (California) <https://is.gd/J2wLoY>
39. "At LA's only school for the deaf, parents want leaders who speak the same language." Ever since her son was 6 months old, Juliet Hidalgo has been bringing him to the Marilton School, a low-slung building in Baldwin Hills that for generations has been a second home for deaf and hard-of-hearing students in Los Angeles. --- latimes.com, May 31 (California) <https://is.gd/yHh0mC>
40. "Disability nonprofits fear crisis because state doesn't fully fund workers." Sharuanda Robinson has known she wanted to work with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities since she was 7, inspired by watching her mother do it. Even though her mother had to work an additional full time job to support the family, Robinson was not deterred

from also becoming a direct support professional. --- delawareonline.com, May 29 (Delaware) <https://is.gd/8K3GKW>

41. “Research hones interventions for kids with developmental language disorder.” In an average kindergarten class of 30 students, about two are experiencing developmental language disorder, meaning they learn language more slowly than their peers. While DLD is just as common as dyslexia or ADHD, fewer people have heard of the disorder, and less research and funding go into developing effective interventions. --- medicalxpress.com, May 24 (Kansas) <https://is.gd/rXtHZm>
42. “Kansas City welcomes job training program for adults with autism.” The program, LINK, designed by Easterseals Midwest, is the first program of its kind and is specifically for adults with autism. LINK is for adults who want assistance finding employment and support in developing vital workplace skills. ----kshb.com, May 29 (Kansas) <https://is.gd/DafQ1K>
43. “Ms. Wheelchair Kentucky Is on a Mission to Advocate for Kentuckians with Disabilities.” The Ms. Wheelchair Kentucky Organization crowned its 21st winner earlier this year, and now she's on a mission to advocate for the tens of thousands of Kentuckians living with disabilities just like her. --- lex18.com, May 29 (Kentucky) <https://is.gd/yW100C>
44. “Program targets abuse of special-needs children.” Autism Alliance of Michigan launching program to educate people who interact with special-needs children on issues that could lead to exploitation, early signs of abuse --- crainsdetroit.com, May 27 (Michigan) <https://is.gd/JxENN8>
45. “L'Anse Creuse school staff teaches lessons in disability awareness.” The lessons in disability awareness that Tenniswood Elementary School students will learn Wednesday may not be part of the MSTEP test, but they can go a long way in teaching awareness and empathy. “Other than academics, there are so many other things in school that we need to bring to students,” Tenniswood teacher Monica Hamlin said. ---

macombdaily.com, May 28 (Michigan) <https://is.gd/vlZKDe>

46. “Mother battles for technology to help police respond to vulnerable people.” A new app designed to help officers respond to situations involving vulnerable people is gaining steam in Minnesota, with more departments and community advocates now swearing by the technology. --
- fox9.com, May 29 (Minnesota) <https://is.gd/38WYRi>
47. “After incident, Montana's state hospital has a new policy for client-caused emergencies.” Late last year, the unit of the Montana State Hospital that handles people committed through the criminal system locked down all of its patients during what a state licensing bureau called a "perceived 'emergency situation.'" --- helenair.com, May 28 (Montana)
<https://is.gd/59NsFw>
48. “Mercer County program helps autistic children prepare for air travel.” About two dozen families recently introduced their children on the autism spectrum to the sights and sounds of an airport at Trenton-Mercer Airport. --- nj.com, May 25 (New Jersey) <https://is.gd/36Xi5F>
49. “Matchmaker brings together mentors, those with mental illness.” History – and a really good recipe for fudge – convinced Tara Porter to accept a job at Compeer Niagara two years ago, after she landed a bachelor's degree in leadership development from Houghton College. --- buffalonews.com, May 25 (New York) <https://is.gd/cJwAol>
50. “New York disability advocates push to improve transport access.” Disability-rights advocates are still working to improve access to transport in New York City. The city’s transit system has one of the lowest rates of wheelchair accessibility in the United States. --- aljazeera.com, May 27 (New York) <https://is.gd/qFDkr1>
51. “Rochester a magnet for families of children with autism, but disparities remain.” Quinn Brady relocated to the Rochester area less than a year ago but living in New York was never a part of her original plan. ---

democratandchronicle.com, May 25 (New York) <https://is.gd/g0L9YI>

52. "Ohio Governor Signs Executive Order to Prioritize Tech Solutions for People with Disabilities." Gov. John Kasich signed the executive order to allow robots to help children with autism learn how to read social cues and better communicate with their peers. --- govtech.com, May 25 (Ohio) <https://is.gd/2uYoF4>
53. "New playground designed for kids with disabilities." There is now a playground in the valley where those with disabilities can enjoy a day in the sun just like anyone else. Organizers took the wraps off the sign over the brand new "Walnut Grove" facility on Route-46 in Canfield, just south of the Fairgrounds. --- wkbn.com, May 25 (Ohio) <https://is.gd/COI35p>
54. "Kasich administration launches new initiative to help the developmentally disabled." Six years ago, Governor John Kasich launched his "Employment First" initiative which helped connected Ohioans with developmental disabilities find jobs that had living-wages. Since then 9,600 Ohioans have found jobs. --- wdtm.com, May 24 (Ohio) <https://is.gd/AHczrE>
55. "'Real differences between men and women': The Battle over Student Privacy, Transgender Policy." A federal appeals court panel ruled this week that a Pennsylvania school district can continue allowing transgender students to use bathrooms and locker rooms that match their gender identity. --- cbn.com, May 25 (Pennsylvania) <https://is.gd/b6ZUFC>
56. "Knoxville CrossFit gym offers fitness classes for athletes with disabilities." A Knoxville gym hopes to make everyone feel welcome. Rocky Top CrossFit is reaching out to athletes with disabilities, offering special classes every week. Workouts are adapted to each individual and their abilities. --- wate.com, May 25 (Tennessee) <https://is.gd/viJpi3>
57. "City Creek Canyon picnic sites now more accessible to people with disabilities." Those with disabilities will now have an easier time accessing picnic sites in City Creek Canyon. The Salt Lake City Department of Public

Utilities have upgraded two picnic sites to make them ADA compliant. --- good4utah.com, May 24 (Utah) <https://is.gd/DEQ8jP>

58. “A photo emerges and a VA. school system’s use of seclusion comes under scrutiny.” In the photo, Gigi Daniel-Zagorites grips the edge of a small bookcase, her tilted head peering over. The bookcase and a cabinet barricade the 13-year-old in one corner of a classroom. Two women sit, backs turned. --- washingtonpost.com, May 26 (Virginia) <https://is.gd/FADCfN>

INTERNATIONAL

59. “Making Disability Support Work Across Real Lives.” The National Disability Insurance Scheme is a game changer, but the challenge is to make it work across people’s life course, from education and housing, to social participation and employment --- pursuit.unimelb.edu.au, May 25 (Australia) <https://is.gd/ieSzS1>
60. “Family with three autistic children targeted in arson attack.” A mother has been left without a way to transport her three children to their special needs school after her car was torched. The Chrysler Voyager was set alight on Monkhouse Place in North Albury about 10.30pm on Monday. --- bordermail.com.au, May 29 (Australia) <https://is.gd/5oJghD>
61. “Disability advocates split on assisted dying laws in the ACT.” The number of Canberrans choosing to end their lives with voluntary euthanasia could grow to 65 a year in the next decade if assisted dying is legalised, an ACT parliamentary inquiry has heard. --- canberratimes.com.au, May 25 (Australia) <https://is.gd/RFqtv2>
62. “Patti Bacchus: Government action needed to stop schools from restraining and secluding kids with special needs.” This sounds like something from a

dark past: locking children with disabilities in closets or small, locked rooms for hours at a time, or tying them to chairs, holding them face down on the floor, or even forcing one into a Rubbermaid bin. --- straight.com, May 24 (Canada) <https://is.gd/6VvaCG>

63. “Elmwood group home workers 'relieved' to end Saskatoon strike.” A longstanding labour dispute in Saskatoon has ended, with the majority of group home workers ratifying a proposed contract with Elmwood Residences. They're the people who bathe, feed and care for intellectually disabled adults at Elmwood's 11 group homes in Saskatoon. --- cbc.ca. May 28 (Canada) <https://is.gd/hTqUum>
64. “Quebec family of autistic man desperate to find English-speaking caregivers.” The family of a Montreal man with severe autism is accusing the Quebec government of discriminating against them by not providing a suitable foster home for him with services in English. --- ctvnews.ca, May 28 (Canada) <https://is.gd/JWtzqG>
65. “A startling statistic': 14% of N.L. long-term care residents in physical restraints.” Thinking about the number of people in long-term care homes in Newfoundland and Labrador who are in restraints every day brings back uncomfortable memories for Julie Mitchell of Marystown. --- cbc.ca, May 28 (Canada) <https://is.gd/VtipFV>
66. “Youngsters with autism keen to get back to the daily grind at Shanghai café.” A Shanghai cafe that helps young people with autism is up and running again after it was forced to move because of a problem with its premises – and its eight baristas and waiters couldn't wait to get back to work. --- scmp.com, May 27 (China) <https://is.gd/T8SXIf>
67. “May 29th: National Day of People with Disabilities.” Since 2008, the legislative assembly of Costa Rica decreed this day so that as a society we take concrete measures to achieve the full inclusion of these fellow citizens in all areas of the country whether It be the social, economic, cultural, sports, or political sectors.--- thecostaricanews.com, May 29 (Costa

Rica) <https://is.gd/mrGiFS>

68. “Iranian Education Ministry’s Job Requirements Prevent People with Disabilities from Applying.” Iran’s Education Ministry is violating Iranian law and the country’s commitments to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons With Disabilities (CRPD) with job application requirements that prevent many people with disabilities from applying. --- iranhumanrights.org, May 30 (Iran) <https://is.gd/bexPBd>
69. “Codes of Practice to Protect Persons with Disabilities.” Workplaces will be better equipped to deal with persons with disabilities when the Codes of Practice is completed. The document will guide employers on how to ensure that the employee is not at a disadvantage. --- jis.gov.jm, May 28 (Jamaica) <https://is.gd/QRPEkt>
70. “Review adult guardianship system to make it truly beneficial to users.” Amid an increase in the number of elderly suffering from dementia, the system for protecting their legal rights and assets has become ever more important. A review of the system is needed so that it can be truly beneficial to the users. --- the-japan-news.com, May 29 (Japan) <https://is.gd/grokkU>
71. “Some 98,000 disabled people find jobs.” The number of disabled people who found jobs through Hello Work public job placement offices in Japan in fiscal 2017 stood at 97,814, up 4.9 percent from the previous year, government data showed Friday. --- the-japan-news.com, May 25 (Japan) <https://is.gd/WJllqA>
72. “One held for illegal kidney transplant.” Police have arrested a man for undergoing illegal kidney transplantation. According to the Metropolitan Police Range, Bhaktapur, Tharka Bahadur Basnet, 51, of Morang was arrested after the relatives of an intellectually disabled person filed a complaint against him on Friday, saying the victim’s kidney was removed illegally. --- thehimalayantimes.com, May 28 (Nepal) <https://is.gd/QiT4fs>

73. “Intellectually disabled man assaulted in care.” An intellectually disabled man was likely to have been physically and sexually assaulted while in residential care, a report lambasting his care provider says. --- radionz.co.nz, May 31 (New Zealand) <https://is.gd/uJAqYa>
74. “Intellectually disabled man found with surgical glove in bowel after sexual assault.” A surgical glove was found in the bowel of a man with severe intellectual and physical disabilities while he was under the care of IDEA Services following a suspected sexual assault. ---nzherald.co.nz, May 31 (New Zealand) <https://is.gd/aA7TAc>
75. “Initiative to make bus travel safer for vulnerable people.” Police, bus companies and other partners have teamed up to make bus travel even safer for some of the most vulnerable members of our communities. --- theedinburghreporter.co.uk, May 29 (Scotland) <https://is.gd/nYhzg4>
76. “UAE to join World Down Syndrome Congress 2018.” Emirates Down Syndrome Association (EDSA) is to take part in the triennial World Down Syndrome Congress (WDSC) 2018, to be organised from July 24-27 in Glasgow, Scotland. More than 1,200 people from around the world will attend the four-day event and its programme will include over 160 sessions, over 90 poster presentations, four international films starring actors with Down syndrome, 12 plenary speakers including three with Down syndrome; dance, music and drama performances. gulftoday.ae, May 28, (UAE) <https://is.gd/YkeJzm>
77. “Major disabilities research project highlights need for change.” The daily lives of disabled people are impacted by 'unhelpful, exclusionary or downright abusive' practices, according to a major research project looking at issues facing those with disabilities in the UK today. --- medicalxpress.com, May 25 (UK) <https://is.gd/Fwzsh1>
78. “People with learning disabilities face gross inequality in life and death.” Imagine being told your child is statistically likely to die at 58 years old, 26 years before their peers, despite being in the same economic and social

group, being born with the same physical health as others and having the same healthcare available – and despite your loving and caring for them in the best way you can. --- theguardian.com, May 29 (UK)

<https://is.gd/x14w5W>

79. “Orphan's Promise Helps Give Special Needs Children in Vietnam a Second Chance at Life.” In rural Vietnam, Orphan's Promise is partnering with a local partner, Orphan Voice Ministries, to serve children with special needs. Many of these children have been overlooked by their communities and are in desperate need of love and attention. --- cbn.com, May 28 (Vietnam) <https://is.gd/WqG6Cb>
80. “Without good laws disability means inability.” DISABILITY is not inability, civil rights activists say, but to lead productive lives, the disabled need enabling laws and policies. These laws should not just be on paper, but they need to be implemented so that people with disabilities are empowered to participate in all spheres of community life. --- daily-mail.co.zm, May 28 (Zambia) <https://is.gd/N7jxUk>
81. “Granny Begg Neighbour To Impregnate Mentally Ill Daughter.” A GWANDA granny begged her neighbour to impregnate her mentally challenged daughter in a bid to raise money to fend for her family. --- newsdzezimbabwe.co.uk, May 25 (Zimbabwe) <https://is.gd/LO8UZV>

MISCELLANEOUS

82. “4 Ways to Make Summer Easier for Children with Autism.” Transitional times of the year mean shifting schedules, which can be particularly challenging for children with autism and their families. --- valley morningstar.com, May 26 <https://is.gd/Q8TpiJ>
83. “The Benefits of Employing People with Autism.” Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Not a term that rolls off the tongue easily but increasingly

big corporates such as Microsoft and SAP have launched programs to attract candidates with ASD for roles which require certain skill sets. --- forbes.com, May 31 <https://is.gd/awMisX>