

Disability and Abuse Newsfeed

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June 22, 2019 – June 28, 2019

ABUSE & NEGLECT

1. “Phoenix Man Arrested in Death of His Malnourished Daughter” - A Phoenix man whose 21-year-old daughter died of malnutrition and dehydration last year has been arrested on suspicion of second-degree murder for failing to care for her for months, police said Monday. Richard Comer, 46, also is accused of vulnerable adult abuse, according to police. – WBNS – June 24, 2019 – (Arizona) - <https://is.gd/4DW437>
2. “Woman Claims Mother was Sexually Assaulted by Employee at Tucson Nursing Home” - Poss said her 63-year-old mother receives around-the-clock care at Sapphire Tucson Nursing and Rehabilitation, 2900 E. Melber Street. During the phone call, Poss said her mother told her she was sexually assaulted by a nurse tech she was unfamiliar with. – KOLD 13 –June 26, 2019 – (Arizona)- <https://is.gd/5BvGHd>
3. “Three Women Were Sexually Abused While in a Psych Hospital. Now, They Want their Day in Court” - Three years ago, Juan Valencia, a mental health worker at a Ventura County psychiatric hospital, pleaded guilty to sex crimes involving women who were patients there. He was sentenced to

more than six years in jail. – Los Angeles Times – June 21, 2019 – (California) - <https://is.gd/fLuvaW>

4. “Relative of Elderly Man Accuses Kingsburg Woman Arrested for Animal Cruelty of Elder Abuse” - 50-year-old Yvette Martinez turned herself in for the crimes. But now a person, who does not want to be identified, says Martinez should face an additional charge. "Dependent abuse, elder abuse," they said. – ABC 30 – June 22, 2019 – (California) - <https://is.gd/scRKVo>

5. “Turlock Woman Accused of Having Sexual Relationship with Minor at Group Home” - Turlock police say on March 28 they were informed of a possible ongoing sexual relationship between the suspect and a minor. Thirty-year-old Marissa Groves allegedly started the sexual relationship while working as a counselor at the minor’s placement facility and continued after she left to work for another group home. – CBS 13 – June 21, 2019 – (California) - <https://is.gd/Mh46xu>

6. “Former Group Home Director Sentenced to Prison for Sexually Assaulting Teenage Boys” - William Wayne Sexton, 56, was [convicted of assaulting the five juveniles while they were living at the Bridgeway Group Home](#). – The Denver Post – June 24, 2019 – (Colorado) - <https://is.gd/nPOCGw>

7. “EH Man Accused of Sex Abuse of Handicapped Men Rejects Deal” - The East Hartford man who is accused of sexually abusing two mentally handicapped men while working as a job coach for HARC Inc. rejected a plea bargain Thursday in which he would have received an eight-year prison sentence. Under the deal he refused, Ricardo Marchand, 54, who has listed an address on Sandra Drive in East Hartford, would have been convicted of two counts of second-degree sexual assault. – Journal Inquirer – June 22, 2019 – (Connecticut) - <https://is.gd/C1oDAk>

8. “State Mental Health Employees Protest Sometimes Dangerous Conditions in Middletown” - More than 40 employees of the state’s mental health and maximum-security psychiatric facilities gathered in the hot sun Wednesday afternoon to [demand better working conditions and adequate staffing](https://is.gd/aHCi0v), which has, in some cases, endangered the safety of patients and workers alike. – The Middletown Press – June 26, 2019 – (Connecticut)- <https://is.gd/aHCi0v>

9. “Indiana Accused of Putting Foster Kids in Bad Homes” - Represented by lead attorney Melissa Keyes with Indiana Disability Rights, the children filed their lawsuit Tuesday in Evansville federal court against Republican Governor Eric Holcomb, the Indiana Department of Child Services and its director Terry Stigdon. – Courthouse News Service – June 25, 2019 – (Indiana) - <https://is.gd/q00DMH>

10. “Pine Ridge Teacher Fired for Spraying Water at Autistic Student” - The board voted unanimously to fire Cara Sanderlin, who taught autistic students for three years at Pine Ridge in a small classroom of two to four students. – Daily Commercial – June 25, 2019 – (Florida)- <https://is.gd/z6hn3c>

11. “Brockton Man Charged with Assaulting Disabled Employee at Middleboro Coffee Shop” - Police say Charles G. El-Helou, the 53-year-old Brockton man and owner of the business, was arrested on Friday as a result of a two-week investigation. A warrant was sought after detectives met with an Assonet woman on Thursday. She told detectives her 25-year-old son had been assaulted by the owner, El-Helou. – South Coast Today – June 22, 2019 – (Massachusetts) - <https://is.gd/CGuaqU>

12. “Nurse Aid Charged with Elder Abuse” - Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel announced Friday that her office has charged Cissy McGahan, 32, of Gladstone, with Vulnerable Adult Abuse in the 4th Degree, a misdemeanor. McGahan was a nurse aide at Bishop Noa Home for Senior Citizens in June 2018 when she allegedly left a 94-year-old female resident unattended in the bathroom. – Daily Press – June 22, 2019 – (Michigan) - <https://is.gd/j0Zd67>

13. “Heartbreaking: Packed Room Tackles Elder Abuse” - These are just a few of the stories Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel and Supreme Court Justice, Megan Cavanagh, heard Friday morning as a standing room-only crowd packed the McGuire room of the Traverse Area District Library. – Traverse City Record Eagle – June 22, 2019 – (Michigan) - <https://is.gd/DzShPI>

14. “Man Admits to Abusing Vulnerable Adult in Clinton Township” - John Iverson pleaded guilty Monday to third-degree abuse of a vulnerable adult and faces up to two years in prison at his Aug. 21 sentencing in Macomb County Circuit Court. – Macomb Daily – June 25, 2019 – (Michigan)- <https://is.gd/3SJG8P>

15. “Johnson Pleads Guilty to Criminal Neglect” - In the plea agreement, charges of third-degree murder and receiving stolen property were dismissed in the case against Duane A. Johnson, 59, in the death of his wife, Debra L. Johnson, 69, at their rural Searles home last January. The toxicology report from her autopsy showed she died from methamphetamine intoxication. – The Journal – June 25, 2019 – (Minnesota) - <https://is.gd/mdYuQO>

16. “Former Lincoln Police Officer Convicted of Sexual Assault” - A jury find a former Lincoln police officer guilty of sexual assault on Friday. The Nebraska

State Patrol arrested Greg Cody in [2017](#). Prosecutors said he used his power as a police officer to assault a mentally disabled more than 60 times. – KETV 7 – June 21, 2019 – (Nebraska) - <https://is.gd/hqcpMw>

17. “Las Vegas Police: Autistic Boy Found Dead in Swimming Pool” - Las Vegas Metro Police say the department's Abuse Neglect Section is investigating the death of Jacob Davis, but detectives believe it was an accidental drowning. – KOLO 8 – June 23, 2019 – (Nevada) - <https://is.gd/lshgvK>

18. “Albuquerque Family Says Southwest Airline Employees Mistreated Autistic Son” - “We went to like, Boston, New York, Maine, Vermont. We went through all of New England, basically. We had a wonderful trip. It was a great experience,” says Gabino Noriega. But when it was time for the Noriegas to fly back to Albuquerque, Nina and Gabino ran into issues on both flights, when they tried to help their son with autism, go to the bathroom. – KRQE – June 21, 2019 – (New Mexico) - <https://is.gd/4fxtCf>

19. “Healthcare Provider Charged with Elder Exploitation” - Pitt County deputies say Roxie Crawford, who also goes by Roxie Pusey, has been charged with larceny of a motor vehicle, exploit elder trust, financial card theft, financial card fraud, and 14 counts of obtaining property by false pretenses. – WITN – June 26, 2019 – (North Carolina)- <https://is.gd/Ub7Mcm>

20. “Man Found Guilty in Rape of Disabled Woman” - A jury found Jesse Williams of Morningview Avenue guilty of rape, a first-degree felony; burglary, a second-degree felony; tampering with evidence, a third-degree felony; and attempted burglary, a third-degree felony. – Akron Beacon Journal – June 21, 2019 – (Ohio) - <https://is.gd/QPyzH5>

21. “Police: Man Arrested for Murder, Abuse and Neglect after Elderly Mother Dies” - Police took the woman’s son, 54-year-old Carlton Nault, into custody. He was booked into the Oklahoma County Jail for multiple complaints, including abuse/exploitation/neglect of a vulnerable adult. The woman died Tuesday morning from injuries “she sustained during long-term abuse and neglect,” Oklahoma City police say. – Oklahoma’s 4 News – June 26, 2019 – (Oklahoma)- <https://is.gd/sZWkC1>

22. “Kicked to The Curb: How the State Failed Fragile Mentally Ill Oregonians” - Mary, 67, had lived for six years at a locked facility in Medford, where she received close supervision from trained staff for her schizoaffective disorder. But last year, the state of Oregon said Mary no longer needed such intensive care and must move out. – The Oregonian – June 22, 2019 – (Oregon)- <https://is.gd/fPxKGj>

23. “Suit Filed Against Butler County Senior Home” - The woman, an 83-year-old resident with dementia at Paramount Senior Living in Seven Fields, was sitting in a shower chair, naked from the waist down, on Dec. 31 when employees took photos of her and posted them to Snapchat and Facebook, according to the complaint. – The Times – June 25, 2019 – (Pennsylvania) - <https://is.gd/M5m54a>

24. “Woman Charged Elderly Abuse Case Says she is Innocent” - Stephanie Ann Lowden told The Greenville News she is innocent and the woman attacked workers at Rolling Green Village as they tried to get her into the shower last month. – WLOS 13 – June 22, 2019 – (South Carolina) - <https://is.gd/8l6TUy>

25. Funding Available to Cover Supervision of Students with Special Needs That Could Have Prevented Lawsuit, Officials Say - A high-ranking official with the state’s Department of Education says in the wake of a lawsuit filed against a school district that state schools receive hundreds of millions of

dollars in funding to help for excess costs of educating students with special needs. A mother is suing the Charleston County School District claiming it didn't handle multiple incidents of bullying appropriately which ultimately led to her 10-year-old trying to take his own life. – Live 5 News – June 24, 2019 – (South Carolina) - <https://is.gd/8fbw9O>

26. “Two SC Women Get Prison for Their Roles In \$13 Million Federal Autism Health Fraud” - Magistrate Judge Paige Gossett gave [Angela Keith, 53, one year in prison, and Ann David Eldridge, 58](#), six months in prison. Both live in Sumter. Two S.C. women were ordered to federal prison Tuesday for their roles in a federal health care fraud in a long-running illegal scheme where a company falsely billed government health insurance programs for some \$13 million for supposed care for autistic children. – The State – June 26, 2019 – (South Carolina)- <https://is.gd/XEx1JX>

27. Caught on Camera: Three Disabled Men Asked by VIA Police to Leave Downtown Bus Plaza - Randy is blind, Nick is an amputee, and Jeff recently had back surgery. "We weren't committing a crime sitting there having a soda it would be different if we were drinking beer or harassing other people but neither of us does that," Hull said. Jeffrey believes the group was singled out because they're homeless. – FOX San Antonio - June 24, 2019 – (Texas) - <https://is.gd/NEPr11>

28. “Meet the People Fighting for Health Care Access for Disabled Kids Detained at the Border” - The intersection of disability and immigration is just one of the intersections that’s really important to look at, especially right now,” said Richard Diaz, who works with Disability Rights California, the state’s protection and advocacy organization. P&As are [found across every state and US territory](#), with a mandate to defend the personal and civil rights of the disability community.” – Vox – June 26, 2019 – (Texas) - <https://is.gd/6tRjfR>

29. “Violence, Often Instigated by Staff, has Become Common at Red Rock Canyon School in St. George for Troubled Children” - [A review of public records](#) paints a picture of a campus in constant and increasing turmoil, even in the years before the riot. St. George police are frequently contacted to investigate violence, often involving staffers assaulting the youths. In the past 2½ years, nine employees have been charged with child abuse for choking, pushing or punching kids in the face. – The Salt Lake Tribune – June 23, 2019 – (Utah) - <https://is.gd/SEzWX4>
30. “Federal Lawsuit Alleges 'Dangerous Conditions' for Children Held at Woodside” - Court documents say children at Woodside Juvenile Rehabilitation Center are held in dangerous restraints and long-term isolation and don't receive adequate mental health treatment. [The lawsuit](#), filed by Disability Rights Vermont, asks for Woodside to stop these practices and develop new policies. – VPR – June 24, 2019 – (Vermont) - <https://is.gd/gQgjPj>
31. “Jury Returns Verdict in Lawsuit That Alleged Sex Abuse of a Minor at a State Facility” - Justine Mary Rowe was involuntarily committed to the Child Study and Treatment Center in 2009 as a teenager. Rowe filed her lawsuit in Pierce County Superior Court about a year ago, at the age of 25, alleging that a counselor at the facility groomed her for a romantic relationship, pursued a sexual relationship with her and continued the relationship after she was released from the facility. – The News Tribune – June 21, 2019 – (Washington) - <https://is.gd/FCCUf8>

GUARDIANSHIP

32. “SAGA: Caring for Underserved Community Members” - SAGA, one of Indiana’s 18 Volunteer Advocates for Seniors and Incapacitated Adults (VASIA), provides services to vulnerable adults who are unable to make financial and healthcare decisions on their own. The majority of SAGA’s clients have a developmental disability and with the organization as their legal guardian, these individuals are cared for and looked after in a way that ensures a high quality of life. – New Bug – June 26, 2019 – (Georgia)- <https://is.gd/3TzXzm>
33. “Family Awarded Guardianship of Macomb Co. Couple after 7 Action News Investigation” - After 8 months, a Macomb County couple is back in the care of their relatives. It’s a [controversial guardianship](#) case that’s caught the attention of the Supreme Court and the Attorney General. – WXYZ ABC Detroit- June 26, 2019 – (Michigan) - <https://is.gd/QtqS9S>

LAWS & LEGISLATION

34. “Bonnie Kraham: Mistakes to Avoid in Elder Law Estate Planning” - The biggest mistake in elder law estate planning is a failure to address all the relevant issues. Elder law means protecting assets from nursing home costs and naming people who will make decisions if you become incapacitated. – Record Online – June 22, 2019 – (National) - <https://is.gd/ix5pyR>

STUDIES & STATISTICS

35. “Seclusion and Restraint of Students with Disabilities: A 1-Year Legal Review” - News of teenager’s death in California shocked the special education community in early December 2018. Using the Special Ed Connection® database, the authors identified 11 court cases from 2018 and analyzed their contents based on individualized education program (IEP) behavior components, type of restraints used, and prevalence of seclusion. – Sage Journals – June 17, 2019 – (National) - <https://is.gd/3uFfng>

36. “Watchdog: Schools Underreporting Use of Restraint, Seclusion” - The Government Accountability Office detailed reporting errors in which New York City, Philadelphia and other districts entered zeros in the Education Department’s Civil Rights Data Collection for 2015-16 when they should have indicated the data was unavailable. – South Coast Today – June 22, 2019 – (National) - <https://is.gd/ZPD11R>
37. “Audit Finds over 6,000 Cases of Abuse in Nursing Homes” - The inspector general of the Department of Health and Human Services released an audit last week. It points to over 6,000 cases of elder abuse in skilled nursing facilities that have been, had been unreported and underreported in 2016. This lack of accountability has created staggering costs from Medicare programs, meaning a greater economic burden to taxpayers and healthcare providers. -ROF- June 23, 2019 – (National) - <https://is.gd/Er1NS0>
38. “Congressional List Reveals Poorly Performing SC Nursing Homes” - Six nursing homes in South Carolina were identified as consistently poor-performing in a congressional list previously kept secret by a branch of the Department of Health and Human Services. [The list](#), current as of April, was released to the Senate Special Committee on Aging at the beginning of June after a bipartisan inquiry from Pennsylvania Sens. Bob Casey, a Democrat, and Pat Toomey, a Republican. – The Post and Courier – June 23, 2019 – (South Carolina)- <https://is.gd/Dpiw7e>

IMPROVED SUPPORTS

39. “Bridgeport Special Needs Teen Recognized for Standing up Against Bullies” - Charlie de los Santos says he was singled out for his struggle to overcome bullying. The 13-year-old says at one point, he was so overcome by all of the negativity, that he became suicidal. – News 12 Connecticut – June 22, 2019 – (Connecticut) - <https://is.gd/3LSIsU>

40. “News from Generations Area 13 Agency on Aging and Disability” - According to the Administration for Community Living, each year, an estimated 5 million older adults are abused, neglected, or exploited. Older Americans lose an estimated \$2.6 billion or more annually due to elder financial abuse and exploitation, funds that could be used to pay for basic needs such as housing, food, and medical care. Unfortunately, it occurs in every demographic and can happen to anyone—a family member, a neighbor, even you. It is estimated that only one in five of these crimes are discovered. – Washington Times Herald – June 22, 2019 – (Indiana) - <https://is.gd/YEHp2h>
41. “Judge Chides State in Hearing on Group-Home Oversight Lawsuit” - A federal judge on Friday criticized Illinois officials for failing to ensure that more than 6,000 people with developmental disabilities will remain safe after a scheduled July 1 change in contracts for the oversight of care in group homes and other settings throughout the state. – State Journal Register – June 21, 2019 – (Illinois) - <https://is.gd/OqtSCG>
42. “Meetings to Prevent Sexual Abuse of Developmentally Disabled Thursday” - The Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence is bringing people together to create educational materials to raise awareness and discuss strategies to prevent the sexual assault of individuals ages 12-24 with developmental disabilities. – Nevada Appeal – June 24, 2019 – (Nevada) - <https://is.gd/IUaOor>
43. “Police Officers Receive Autism Awareness Training” - The training is in partnership with Driscoll Health plan at the Driscoll Specialty Health Center and the sessions are instructed by Dr. Stephanie A. Sokolosky from S & S Behavioral Consultants LLC. Sokolosky has more than 40 years of

experience. – The Brownsville Herald – June 26, 2019 – (Texas) - <https://is.gd/FHY515>

44. “Port Townsend Police Department’s Navigator Helps At-Risk Community Members” - The current part-time “navigator” of the Port Townsend Police Department will shift to full time this week to better serve the community and help people struggling with mental health and substance abuse connect with the services they need. – Daily News – June 23, 2019 – (Washington) - <https://is.gd/e4ZPAV>

INTERNATIONAL

45. “NDIS: Former Stockton Centre Residents Dying in Group Homes, Staff Say” - While some of the deaths may have been natural causes, staff believe that others were preventable deaths caused by problems that would have been noted and treated as a matter of course in Stockton. – New Castle Herald – June 24, 2019 – (Australia) - <https://is.gd/M8ydYB>

46. “Elder Abuse by Carer Caught on Camera” - The confronting video showed Corey Lucas force-feeding 89-year-old Clarence Hausler, grabbing his arms and holding a napkin over his face while aggressively twisting his nose. Noleen Hausler filmed the humiliating abuse of her dementia-affected and bedridden father in September 2015 at Mitcham Residential Care Facility in Adelaide, operated by Japara Healthcare. – App. Au.news – June 23, 2019 – (Australia) - <https://is.gd/OM6cQz>

47. “Autistic Adults At Risk Of Abuse Through Care Laws Loophole” - Supported housing is falling outside remit of watchdog Care Quality Commission, say campaigners and MPs – The Guardian – June 22, 2019 – (England) - <https://is.gd/laSXoD>

48. “When DODEA Investigates its Teachers for Bullying, Parents Say They’re Left in the Dark” - A Family Advocacy investigation validated an allegation of emotional abuse against the teacher in October. Ten parents, including the Balfours, and former school employees described disturbing behavior involving teachers at three DODEA schools in Europe. Their allegations include educators berating and mocking second graders, calling a kindergartner by a racist term and locking a special needs fourth-grader out of the classroom. – Stars and Stripes – June 23, 2019 – (Germany) - <https://is.gd/Q9lJfS>
49. “Disability Tops List of Equality Concerns for the IHREC” - The Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (IHREC) has launched its annual report 2018 to the Houses of the Oireachtas. There were significant legal interventions across direct provision, disability rights and housing. Disability discrimination remains the highest area, being almost one-third of all equality related concerns. – Law Society Gazette Ireland – June 24, 2019 – (Ireland) - <https://is.gd/2clDmN>
50. “More Kenyan Women than Men Living with Disabilities” - The United Disabled Persons of Kenya (UDPK) has raised alarm over the increased rate at which cases of sexual violence against women with disabilities are going unreported. Women with disabilities are sexually violated with impunity and there are high rates of rape, defilements and other forms of gender based violence. – eewoman – June 24, 2019 – (Kenya) - <https://is.gd/q8KlIW>
51. “Ex-Staff Confirm that Seremban Nursing Home Tortured & Abused Senior Citizens” - They have also confirmed that the allegations of staff forcing the elderly residents to drink urine and eat chilies, as well as overdosing them with sleeping pills, are all facts. And a female supervisor is solely

responsible for all of these horrifying acts. – World of Buzz – June 22, 2019 – (Malaysia) - <https://is.gd/d1k8Ok>

52. “Rapist of Disabled Victim Gets Life” - Thandolwenkosi Magwaza (35) was arrested and charged for raping a 26-year-old mentally handicapped woman in Ekhombe in September 2014. Women and girls with disabilities, particularly those from low economic families, face numerous challenges. ‘We are concerned about the alarming plight of street children with disabilities, especially blind girls who are exposed to abuse and are unable to identify their abusers. – Zululand Observer – June 26, 2019 – (South Africa) - <https://is.gd/QXHLTL>

53. “Therapeutic Farm Bringing Together Intellectually Handicapped” - In Russia, a therapeutic farm fights against the exclusion of the mentally handicapped. A bakery, a barn and a dairy: near St. Petersburg, about twenty handicapped people successfully deal with a solid farm, a rare case in Russia, where the integration of the intellectually handicapped faces a strong stigma. – The Asian Age – June 25, 2019 – (Russia)- <https://is.gd/7q75ha>

54. “SAVED: UK Court of Appeals Overturns Judge’s Order to Force Woman into Late-Term Abortion” - Three judges on the Court of Appeal have [overturned](#) Judge Nathalie Lieven’s ruling to force a woman with mental disabilities to undergo an abortion at 22 weeks, despite the child’s grandmother stating that she would care for the child herself. Judge Lieven claimed it was in the woman’s “best interest” to be forced into an abortion despite the family’s wishes and despite the fact that the woman herself “appears she doesn’t want it,” in the judge’s own words. – Live Action – June 21, 2019 – (United Kingdom) - <https://is.gd/SVMYbp>

55. “Ex-Prison Officer Sobs as he is Jailed for 20 Years for Raping Five Women” - A former prison officer cried as he was taken down after a judge jailed him for 20 years for multiple rapes . Mark Scott was found guilty of nine rapes and one attempted rape last month after a seven-week trial at [Hull Crown Court](#). The 34-year-old met his victims on nights out in Hull and on dating websites Plenty of Fish and Badoo. He raped five women and attempted to attack a sixth woman, who was disabled, between 2005 and 2018. – Mirror – June 25, 2019 – (United Kingdom)- <https://is.gd/CA3QDB>

MISCELLANEOUS

56. “Interactive Autism Network, Home to Dozens of Studies, Set to Shut Down” - The first online registry dedicated to autism research is closing down on 30 June, ending a 13-year run. But in the past few years, the database has become too expensive to maintain, says [Paul Lipkin](#), who has directed IAN since 2013. Its annual budget is about \$1.5 million, Lipkin says. (The network is funded in part by the Simons Foundation, Spectrum’s parent organization.) – Spectrum – June 26, 2019 – (National)- <https://is.gd/h5rplv>

57. “Neighbors Send Anonymous Letter Demanding Milton Family Dump Their Autistic Son’s Toys” - Ian Gregorio’s 3-year-old son Rylan has Autism Spectrum Disorder and loves to use his imagination, waving to passersby from atop the many play structures his father has placed in their yard. Gregorio said he was shocked and insulted after he received an anonymous letter that read in part, “Hey hoarders! Give the proud property owners here in Milton a break and remove all the dumpster diving children’s play stuff you have scattered all over your lawn.” – WHDH- 7- June 20, 2019 – (Massachusetts) - <https://is.gd/gERBsZ>

58. “Not One 2020 Candidate has a Website that is Accessible to the Blind” - The growing list of presidential candidates has something in common

beyond their Oval Office aspirations: None of them think disabled people should be able to access their websites. – VOX – June 26, 2019 – (National)- <https://is.gd/A2JL5u>