

# The 2012 National Survey on Abuse of People with SurveyMonkey Disabilities

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|   |   | Response Percent         | Response Count |
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| Physical abuse (non-sexual)                     |  | 33.5%                    | 1,236          |
| Sexual abuse                                    |  | 22.5%                    | 830            |
| Financial abuse                                 |  | 15.6%                    | 575            |
| <b>Verbal or Emotional abuse</b>                |  | <b>54.4%</b>             | <b>2,008</b>   |
| Neglect   |  | 23.6%                    | 871            |
| This question doesn't apply to me               |  | 31.5%                    | 1,161          |
| Other (please specify and feel free to comment) |   |                          | 588            |
|   |   | <b>answered question</b> | <b>3,690</b>   |
|   |   | <b>skipped question</b>  | <b>3,599</b>   |



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| 1  | They made me look bad as they are using me as deaf to called me a liar...while I know nothing what's going on..   | Nov 15, 2012 12:52 PM |
| 2  | Exploitation  | Nov 15, 2012 11:55 AM |
| 3  | My daughter is experiencing sexual harassment and bullying at school (grade 8)  | Nov 15, 2012 8:58 AM  |
| 4  | I have a disability that people do not see, therefore it is difficult for them to believe/understand I'm disabled therefore it is emotionally challenging, at times depressing to continually explain or defend my health related to my physical limitations.   | Nov 15, 2012 8:23 AM  |
| 5  | While my son may recover some of his mobility after completion of treatment it remains unknown how much if any he will recover. However, he already realizes how different he is from other kids and that is really hard to watch.  | Nov 15, 2012 7:43 AM  |
| 6  | working, my employer refused to make adjustments to my job requirements despite having a letter from my doctor. this in turn forced me to quit my job so I was not in so much pain and stress.  | Nov 15, 2012 7:22 AM  |
| 7  | Repeated denials on claim processes operated by systems that favor and cater to fraudulent users  | Nov 15, 2012 6:49 AM  |
| 8  | Neglect is prevalent in the Medicaid Waiver System. If you try to advocate for your family member, the agency that is providing the service all join hands in documenting what a great job they are doing and word things in such a way for the mentally disabled person,that they will get a yes to what good care they are providing.   | Nov 15, 2012 6:38 AM  |
| 9  | Discrimination  | Nov 15, 2012 6:27 AM  |
| 10 | Refusal to accept or understand the disability and help him in the ways he needs help. Teachers reprimanding him due to the fact that they are not aware of his 504 Plan and accommodations.  | Nov 14, 2012 11:07 AM |
| 11 | Our son was abused by school personnel.   | Nov 14, 2012 10:41 AM |
| 12 | Pin Down and control freaks   | Nov 14, 2012 10:12 AM |
| 13 | Medically, medicine and money stolen by my sister who was my Personal Care Attendant; I went to the hospital where same people abused me. She went to jail but I later refused to press charges.  | Nov 12, 2012 5:13 PM  |
| 14 | abuse at place of employment  | Nov 8, 2012 1:32 AM   |
| 15 | Isn't given enough information to determine the best course of action, too many changes in healthcare providers   | Oct 2, 2012 4:35 AM   |
| 16 | Second hand exposure to drugs and tobacco, for recreational purposes which led to sickness; as well as misdiagnoses to avoid lawsuits against the health care facility when the nurses and doctors broke the bones of the patient whom they left screaming in pain throughout the day and night which they tried to lock up as a schizophrenic to avoid admitting the health care professionals were beating her. There has also been no respect for the mental agility of the disabled | Sep 26, 2012 5:03 PM  |

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person, by the government and the Office of Misconduct of New York. The proof of the sicknesses were 2 to 10 years old, not used as submissible evidence to the doctor when given to him/her by the disabled person, but then later used against the disabled person. In other words, no one did anything legally in the health care field. Then, as soon as the disabled person tried to make amends, the professionals just further lied to cause trouble and cover themselves under law. There is just no morality and only further pain rather. There is no aid in dying and people feign their is a cure for lifelong disabilities and when someone who is impaired asks for euthanasia to end the suffering, the person is considered out of his/her mind and unwell, which later leads to false claims of incompetence and leaves room for further assault that no one else in life has to deal with unless one of the vulnerable disabled.

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| 17 | My niece, who is now 8 was physically abused by her teacher and classroom aids at her elementary school when she was 6 years old. My sister was unaware because my niece was experiencing increased behaviors, but is non verbal and unable to communicate what was going. The abuse was reported by other faculty members at the school and a trial on the case is in process now.   | Sep 19, 2012 3:00 PM  |
| 18 | Employment abuse, being fired against ada.  | Sep 17, 2012 8:26 AM  |
| 19 | 1. social abuse- ostracization, stereotyping, discrimination; denial of service 2. medical abuse, denial of or poor or inappropriate medical care due to attitudes, stereotyping, dislike of disabled (think we are faking disabilities); 3. abandonment by mother and siblings   | Sep 16, 2012 4:32 AM  |
| 20 | Bullying. Instilling fear. Instilling intimidation. Threatening to and Turning off my oxygen machine while I'm sleeping. Threatening me. Threatening to "Open the front door so my Service Animals would run into the very very busy Blvd. we live on to get hit by a truck or not come back and maybe I would follow." Locking my 2 service animals outside w/out water on 90- 100* degree days while I was at a neccessary medical appts. ect | Sep 12, 2012 7:03 AM  |
| 21 | Verbal and emotional abuse by other children  | Sep 11, 2012 4:59 AM  |
| 22 | Words hurt actions hurt more Not being understood or looked at as crazy is very wrong for housing authority workers   | Sep 7, 2012 1:35 PM   |
| 23 | 30 year marriage of mental and emotional abuse  | Sep 6, 2012 10:28 AM  |
| 24 | Emotional abuse to member of family with mental health issues, by some parts of family. But, by far the most egregious abuse was by at least two therapists and one psychiatrist. Abuse was both to the person with the disability and to other members of the family.  | Aug 30, 2012 10:36 AM |
| 25 | Also being shut in a closet by a teacher when I was in grade school.  | Aug 29, 2012 6:18 AM  |
| 26 | Criticized at work by a manager in another department for chronic illness. I realized he may not have known, but his comment was insulting and insensitive towards me during that time of my life. I left the job feeling unsafe from verbal abuse of a new manager placed over me. He got away with telling me that my children's situation was a good argument against people having children.  | Aug 27, 2012 8:47 AM  |

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| 27 | My son was harassed by the Riverside Police Department sitting in my car to get out of the rain. They threatened to arrest him and keep him from his family.   | Aug 26, 2012 4:10 PM |
| 28 | mobbing & bullying   | Aug 23, 2012 9:36 PM |
| 29 | Mainly, physically & verbal abuse from Deaf school during my childhood years. Family have been good to me most of the time.  | Aug 20, 2012 6:11 PM |
| 30 | During a hospital stay and rehabilitation stay when my mom broke her pelvis. Lots of neglect and non-caring individuals to what she had gone through and the amount of pain  | Aug 20, 2012 4:59 PM |
| 31 | My sister is hard of hearing and was sexually assaulted by our priest and I was sexually assaulted by my neighbor as a young girl  | Aug 15, 2012 9:58 AM |
| 32 | The last week in July, in San Antonio, TX, an emergency hearing was called by Disability Rights TX concerning an extremely suicidal child. Judge Montemayor reset the court date for the last day of August. The child is MR, with lead poisoning, and has been locked up, largely in Solitary Confinement, and this is how emergencies are dealt with. The last known event, required surgery to remove a screw from the child's urethra and medical care was withheld for over 24 hours.   | Aug 13, 2012 9:01 AM |
| 33 | Story goes that in 1932 when my father was shot in the leg and gangorine set in requiring amputation his father refused to have a disabled son and almost refused the amputation until dad begged the MD to make the pain stop and his father gave in and allowed the surgery. Also it is noteworthy that his dream was to be a forester. He did one year or so at the Uof M before he discovered that in order to be a forester in that day and age he would have to take the civil service exam and if you had a disability you could not take the exam. | Aug 9, 2012 6:48 AM  |
| 34 | My children, who were my husbands children from his first marriage and whom I adopted, suffered from autism, PTSD, ADHD, MR, Anxiety, Depression, and Bipolar disorder. They were abused by thier mother horribly before we were able to get custody, The oldest was 8 and the youngest of the four was 6. By then that damage had been done and it has taken years of therapy to help get them past the abuse.  | Aug 9, 2012 4:54 AM  |
| 35 | Hopefully our person with disabilities has never encountered abuse. But this response sounds a little simplistic and naieve.   | Aug 7, 2012 6:42 PM  |
| 36 | My entire family disowned me and my son when he was born. He was born with Down Syndrome   | Aug 5, 2012 5:28 PM  |
| 37 | Some strangers react negatively to our son's Down Syndrome and Autistic behaviors by pulling their children away or glaring at him. No physical or verbal abuse has occurred until now. I would characterizeit as fear or neglect at most.   | Aug 3, 2012 5:14 PM  |
| 38 | Caregiver with drug and alcohol dependency   | Aug 3, 2012 1:16 PM  |
| 39 | higher educations needs are stonewalled, neglected, accommodations ignored and mocked, student and staff mistreatment, lack of responsible due care of administration to stop abuse and mistreatment, adverse actions taken for  | Aug 3, 2012 12:34 PM |

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|    | reporting abuse   |                      |
| 40 | School setting in the 1990's, so the rest of the questions I'm not sure how to answer. The school followed up, but the person was not removed from working with children and while my child was left alone, other students received the same treatment. "good 'ol boy/gal" network kept the person on.  | Aug 3, 2012 11:41 AM |
| 41 | Abuse received via school-aged peers (bullying which included physical harm) and school staff   | Aug 3, 2012 8:22 AM  |
| 42 | Adverse Disciplinary Action and Retaliation at Work   | Aug 2, 2012 8:23 PM  |
| 43 | I experienced emotional/physical/sexual abuse from multiple intimate partners as a teenager/young woman while only mildly disabled -- the abuse was not linked to disability per se. Once I became severely disabled, I experienced verbal/emotional/financial abuse, neglect, and indirect/occasional physical threats (without actual injuring, body-to-body, physical contact), first from my husband (until he abandoned me/dissolved the marriage), then from my father and his wife (after being forced to move in with them, which I knew would be a worse situation of abuse compared to living with my husband, and was indeed worse), and now from my brother, my mother, and her husband (after then moving in with them -- the abuse has lessened slightly in terms of degree compared to my father's home but is still a defining feature of everyday life and constrains all actions/decisions, even the most mundane). My ex-husband and all of my immediate family have been/are abusive, and their previous abusive/inappropriate/harmful tendencies and actions became increasingly severe as I became increasingly vulnerable, so this abuse *has* been directly linked to my current severe disabilities. | Aug 2, 2012 3:07 PM  |
| 44 | he was put on anti psychotic drugs be ex husband when he had a episode of anger because he missed the rest of his family. he was staying with ex for a month at the time.   | Aug 2, 2012 9:07 AM  |
| 45 | In school system in Jefferson Parish.   | Aug 1, 2012 3:48 PM  |
| 46 | abandonment by biological parent and grandparent  | Aug 1, 2012 1:24 PM  |
| 47 | I was abused / bullied in an employment situation.  | Aug 1, 2012 12:02 PM |
| 48 | Came home from school with unexplained bruises down both arms. Scratches on legs. Since he is non verbal I feel people jerk and pull him around and speak negatively in front of him.   | Aug 1, 2012 11:20 AM |
| 49 | tHE CHILDREN IN MY SONS SCHOOL WOULD CALL HIM A SPED AND OTHER NAMES AND HE WOULD ALWAYS GET IN TROUBLE AND GET SUSPENED FROM SCHOOL JUST SO HE WASN'T IN THAT SITUATION.AND I FEEL SO BAD FOR HIM CAUSE HE SHOULD BE MAKING FRIENDS AT SCHOOL NOT BEING PICKED ON.   | Aug 1, 2012 10:43 AM |
| 50 | not understanding the disability  | Aug 1, 2012 8:28 AM  |
| 51 | No abuse that I am aware of....   | Aug 1, 2012 7:40 AM  |

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| 52 | lives with mother. i am totally involved in his well-being.   | Aug 1, 2012 6:22 AM  |
| 53 | This was done in a Pediatric Residential facility and the only way I found out after the fact was that someone anonymously sent a newspaper article to me. It was reported without my knowledge to DCFS/DHS   | Aug 1, 2012 6:18 AM  |
| 54 | Bullying in school...   | Aug 1, 2012 6:15 AM  |
| 55 | rare occasion, being made fun of, but wanted to mention.  | Aug 1, 2012 6:15 AM  |
| 56 | While observing my son during a speech therapy session, the therapist grabbed his face and told him to stop looking at me. She was very rude and could have hurt him and soon after that I pulled him out of the school district.   | Jul 31, 2012 8:09 PM |
| 57 | at school yes I reported it   | Jul 31, 2012 7:27 PM |
| 58 | Food and Sleep restrictions for several days at a time to help break us down and build us up in their idea of a good person. Inability to talk to certain people or anyone depending on circumstance. Having to act like someone didn't exist and vice versa. Inability to smile or laugh when on a punishment program. Forced Labor. Threats of being sent to a wilderness program if we didn't comply. Monitored phone calls (only allowed one every two weeks) and letters, censorship, loss of privileges if you said anything bad about the School.  | Jul 31, 2012 7:24 PM |
| 59 | School service providers took advantage of the fact that my son could not tell me what was happening (or not happening) at school. During kindergarten, the speech therapist was not providing speech therapy, but let me think that she was. She had a conference with me and said my son was not making progress in spite of her best efforts. Then several months later, in early May of that school year, a school aide reported to me that my son had only received one full speech session that year (when someone came to observe). The aide said that the speech therapist was usually not in the room when it was time for my son's one-to-one speech sessions. When she was in the room, she was working with other students and had my son color pictures. The aide reported this to my son's case manager who observed speech therapy one time and declared to the aide that everything was fine. The problem continued, but the aide felt intimidated into not telling me or complaining any more. However, towards the end of the school year - when the aide was absent for several weeks - the substitute aides were telling me that no speech therapy was taking place. When I called the aide to ask her to verify the speech schedule, she broke down and told me that my son had not been receiving therapy. /// Another example: A school aide had always accompanied my son to a private (single stall) bathroom on campus, but suddenly the case manager ordered the aide to just let my son use the boys' restroom on his own. We later found out that the case manager had an agenda to show that my son was more independent and no longer needed a one-to-one aide. No one told us about this change with the bathroom. My son, at age 8, did not know how to use the urinals without dropping his pants, so he was standing unsupervised in the boys' bathroom surrounded by boys laughing at him while his pants were down at his knees. With autism and largely untreated speech apraxia, my son was not able to tell anyone if something happened. We did not find out until my older son overheard some other boys laughing and talking about his brother on the playground. When we heard that, we called the aide and she told us what was going on. The aide knew that the boys were | Jul 31, 2012 7:18 PM |

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laughing and making fun of our son, but she was following the case manager's orders, and the key to the private bathroom on campus was taken away from her. The aide's other excuse to me was that if my son screamed out while in the restroom, she would hear him through the wall because the restroom was right next to the restroom. //// Another example: The school lost my son twice in one week - which I discovered by happenstance. This was connected to the case manager working behind the scenes to claim that my son no longer needed a one-to-one aide. On one occasion, my son saw my car in the parking lot after school and came charging out towards my car without looking to see if cars were coming. Normally, he is always accompanied by the aide. That same week, my son was missing for 20 minutes and a neighborhood search got underway. After the bathroom situation was discovered, we took my son out of school until they could assure us that our son would be safe when using the restroom. I feel that a lot of discrimination happens in the school. My son (now a teenager) is extremely vulnerable to abuse. He is very naive, compliant, nice looking, and has very limited language. All of these things were reported to the school administrators and ultimately were included in a due process complaint.

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| 60 | Part of went on "in the house" at my mothers   | Jul 31, 2012 6:27 PM  |
| 61 | discrimination in employment   | Jul 31, 2012 5:24 PM  |
| 62 | I prefer not to comment, for I get very upcet over all the abuse my children were objecvt of. I firmly and strongly against any type of abuse to the people who can not speak, nor defend themselves!  | Jul 31, 2012 12:45 PM |
| 63 | Our mother was verbally abusive sometimes. Not a lot, but enough to make us wary of showing our feelings openly.   | Jul 31, 2012 11:28 AM |
| 64 | All of the abuse took place in special education classrooms. Inappropriate non-sexual touching witnessed by me from a teacher who said he was playing "musical chairs" with my 11 year old daughter when he sat in her lap; the teacher was re-hired as a sub after retirement. An aide verbally abused my daughter and several others in her care; reports from other aides at three different schools were ignored and the aide is still employed. My daughter was subjected to full physical restraint for extremely minor social miscues (clapping at the "wrong" time in a performance); I witnessed two such restraint situations and have no idea how many more took place. Reports were made to school authorities in each instance. | Jul 31, 2012 10:22 AM |
| 65 | My brother has developemental issues and cannot make good decisions for himself and we have seen so many times people take advantage or abuse him but it is their word against his.  | Jul 31, 2012 9:56 AM  |
| 66 | Direct care provider depleted my family members bank account and encouraged my family member to spend money on this care provider. My family member is intimidated by Dail A Ride Drivers from time to time. Former care providers try to blaim my family member for visits to their facility from the Ombudsman and other monitoring agencies.  | Jul 31, 2012 9:07 AM  |
| 67 | Due to being restrained at school, my daughter's arm was broken leading to surgery. What was most disturbing was that she was it was unreported. She was sent home with a very swollen and broken arm. A nurse had taken a look at   | Jul 31, 2012 8:35 AM  |

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|    | her before she came home and an incident report was written only to describe her behavior.  |                       |
| 68 | Harrasment by co-workers  | Jul 31, 2012 8:12 AM  |
| 69 | social stigma   | Jul 31, 2012 7:49 AM  |
| 70 | Not really sure to what extent you consider abuse but my son has experienced what I consider abusive, that is unreasonable restraint both in hospital and in school. Also he has been treated in abusive manner by a dentist in the past, i.e., treating him like a dog and having his staff gang up on him, grab his arms and legs and hold him down. He never knew what was coming. For the rest of his life he will never sit in a dentist chair or sit or lie down on a doctors table, CT scanner etc. without heavy sedation/anesthesia. He now has post traumatic stress disorder, panic attacks and claustrophobia. Contributing factors are the numerous surgeries and other medical interventions he's had but I believe it is the abusive treatment mentioned above that caused his anxiety. The way people like my son are treated can make the difference between being able to attend an appropriate day program or being stuck in an inappropriate restrictive environment.           | Jul 31, 2012 7:17 AM  |
| 71 | Taking advantage of trust. Controlling social interaction.  | Jul 31, 2012 7:13 AM  |
| 72 | You need to modify your survey. By giving the answers that you can only select, you are leaving out a big issue here, thus I did not answer #4. There is systematic abuse by government officials in the State of California, and I believe by the federal government. By refusing to enforce the laws that are already on the books, special needs children are intentionally and systematically being deprived of needed therapies, services and care. The Lanterman Act mandates no gaps in services -- this is not happening. The California Children's Services Act mandates provision of medically necessary therapy -- this is not happening.  | Jul 31, 2012 7:13 AM  |
| 73 | I have a 13 year old granddaughter with autism. She is extremely vulnerable due to her inability to communicate. She is also aggressive. At some point we will not be able to care for her and I shudder to think what will happen to her when she is placed in a home. As we are not wealthy we will have to put her in a state run facility. There is no doubt in my mind abuse will take place and the person doing the abusing will never be prosecuted. I have studied the reports on California state run facilities and it is shameful. The most vulnerable population is continually abused with no repercussions.  | Jul 31, 2012 6:57 AM  |
| 74 | this elderly womans son is in jail and her nephew and neice in law talked her in to stay with them as they would do her rituals when she dies cuz in her culture son does rituals but her son is in jail at this time.this elderly was independently living in a income assisted setting and on ssi for her needs.this couple took her home gave notice to her apt and abused her emotionally, verbally physically according to her,shes a copd patient on 24 hour on oxygen,didn't allow her to be on oxygen in the night time claiming their house will catch fire, also made her look like she was crazy.not providing her the right diet for and she retained alot of water. she had gone through a high level of stress and they made her look like she had mental illness and had the doctor put her on all kinds of meds.They even took her sons money that he left for her to send him every month for a longer period of time and the niece in-law took it from the elderly to pay for her | Jul 31, 2012 12:44 AM |

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school and also took her gold jewellery never returned back. Also house bounded her and she could not even sit out as they had a threat that she will leave as she did one time as she was tired of being abused. She got a chance of calling me from the caregivers phone and explain me the nature of abuse so I reported to the adult protective services nothing seem to be done as she ended up in a facility. she was not allowed to talk to anyone. Power of attorney was made and all she was explained was that this will stop her from being placed in a nursing home which she was always afraid of. All her rights was taken away, her bank account, deposit box access and the cash she had had withdrawn for her monthly ssi payment for her use and rent she had to pay them \$500. a month during her stay. When this matter was reported to the adult protective services the niece in law anger range was so vicious that she reported and had everything (ssi and rental voucher stopped and discontinued services for this poor elderly. I really don't know any personal belongings of her but upon this elderly's request I reported the matter to the bank too to stop any suspicious activity into her account and social security administration. Her payment stopped and now shes back from the hospital with trechyeostomy tube and is staying home with me and I don't have no resources to help her with her needs. She is staying in my other house with my family who is taking care of her as well and I as her primary caregiver with no payment at all. The greed that this nephew and niece had over her destroyed her entire life. She has now developed mild diementia and is very stressed out and depressed. Many times she thinking about what these guys have done to her and cries asking me to go and get her gold coins. I would appreciate for any small assistance that can be provided to her as a resource from any source as it is difficult for me. my contact will be shabsadvntr@yahoo.com

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| 75 | it happens all the time in school and it really needs to stop bullies are not fun!   | Jul 30, 2012 7:23 PM  |
| 76 | This abuse took place in the home and the child was removed. I have adopted the abused child.  | Jul 30, 2012 6:15 PM  |
| 77 | 1. a caregiver slapped me 2. a caregiver stole money from me 3. caregivers verbally abusing me 4. caregivers unwilling to do things I needed done that they were allowed to do 5. multiple reports from about 500 people I resource with in Vancouver, WA that are outlined in a personal questionnaire that is more specific than any I have seen thus far....would you like a copy to be more specific in your survey??? | Jul 30, 2012 6:05 PM  |
| 78 | being controlled and manipulated.  | Jul 30, 2012 1:56 PM  |
| 79 | my own personal situation with my son is fine, but through my job position I work with approximately 100 new families a year who have a child with a disability and many of them have told me of all of these types of abuse.  | Jul 30, 2012 1:03 PM  |
| 80 | Bullying at school   | Jul 30, 2012 12:21 PM |
| 81 | a lot of emotional and physical abuse as a child. As an adult, more verbal abuse than anything else.   | Jul 30, 2012 11:43 AM |
| 82 | He has experienced physical abuse. It is possible he has experienced some form of sexual abuse - I have no absolute confirmation.  | Jul 30, 2012 10:27 AM |

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| 83 | Mostly lots of teasing when she was younger.  | Jul 30, 2012 10:04 AM |
| 84 | This reference of abuse refers to me, not my family member with a disability.   | Jul 30, 2012 9:50 AM  |
| 85 | Ethnic/Racial Discrimination & Prejudice  | Jul 30, 2012 6:10 AM  |
| 86 | Although it has not happened (as far as I know) I worry about this constantly   | Jul 29, 2012 11:00 PM |
| 87 | Discrimination under the law.   | Jul 28, 2012 10:10 PM |
| 88 | At age three my son was put in early intervention classes at school. He was strapped into a high chair at a table instead of teaching him to sit. He has mild autism and sat at his daycare and private school he also went to that I paid for. He has severe allergies which the school district ignored and fed him food that triggered behavior problems and itching leaving scars on his back and legs. I (the mother) was yelled at in an IEP meeting while my son was in the room and told I was a bad mother for keeping him home rather than let them go on abusing him.  | Jul 28, 2012 6:06 PM  |
| 89 | As a parent of a person w/disability, I have made sure I educate my child to stay clear of people that show certain kinds of behaviors. The incident happened when he was in his teens. He is an adult now and I am not aware of abuse as such; however, he does report people as "not really paying attention to him when he talks. :/   | Jul 28, 2012 12:43 PM |
| 90 | We experienced people misunderstanding my sons delays and viewing his undesirable behavior that is related to his delays as lack of discipline/proper parenting.  | Jul 27, 2012 7:22 PM  |
| 91 | none that I am aware of.  | Jul 27, 2012 5:25 PM  |
| 92 | school dsitricts trying to get around the laws  | Jul 27, 2012 1:23 PM  |
| 93 | My daughter has been denied all of her rights by her current guardian. Her father supports the guardian. I believe I was blessed with my daughter and bear the responsibility of protecting her until the day I leave this earth. However, the local court system states that I am interfering with the "rights of the guardian" when I attempt to protect my daughter. Example: the guardians wanted to fully immunize my daughter (age 31) but, she is cognitively impaired because she reacted to her first immunization at age 2 months. (DPT) Another immunization assault to her brain could be detrimental up to and including possible death. | Jul 27, 2012 12:08 PM |
| 94 | Public school supervisor and teachers.  | Jul 27, 2012 10:00 AM |
| 95 | This was an on-going school bullying by another student.  | Jul 27, 2012 5:20 AM  |
| 96 | bullying at school - not sure if this was because of my son's disability or just because of age/simply school   | Jul 26, 2012 9:58 AM  |
| 97 | A teacher in school was charged with abuse, and it was another teacher who turn her in.   | Jul 26, 2012 5:52 AM  |
| 98 | by her aide at school   | Jul 26, 2012 3:39 AM  |

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| 99  | Ex husband is in denial about the disability so emotionally abuses my child through lack of understanding and frustration at things he may find annoying. Swears, gets aggravated, puts down behaviour such as anxiety (repetitive behaviour, stemming to relieve the anxiety) and makes it worse. This is detrimental to his well-being. | Jul 25, 2012 11:18 PM |
| 100 | I was picked on throughout Kindergarden-Sr. My freshman year two teachers targeted me and another classmate who cheated and made A GREAT DEAL about it and I didn't realize that it was cheating.   | Jul 25, 2012 3:29 PM  |
| 101 | mistreatment as a child with a disability in a medical setting  | Jul 25, 2012 1:47 PM  |
| 102 | My Situation is taken care of   | Jul 25, 2012 1:18 PM  |
| 103 | Self- from step father  | Jul 25, 2012 12:08 PM |
| 104 | Physical abuse at school. School officials could never "catch" the bullies  | Jul 25, 2012 11:32 AM |
| 105 | bullied, and discriminated against.   | Jul 25, 2012 10:29 AM |
| 106 | financial, verbal, neglect from the family court system and the government of Florida   | Jul 25, 2012 9:31 AM  |
| 107 | Maintance worker used my son picture to solicit private fund to local grocery stores. With the caption that said my son was dead and the family needed money for funeral costs.   | Jul 25, 2012 8:24 AM  |
| 108 | Child told me the personal care attendant scratched his neck when i noticed the mark.   | Jul 25, 2012 8:08 AM  |
| 109 | I told a parent who was an abuser of another doing it and they did nothing.   | Jul 25, 2012 8:06 AM  |
| 110 | He can not eat (has feeding tube) at 3 years old, he had to set and watch the other kids in the class eat lunch at a special need daycare.  | Jul 25, 2012 7:34 AM  |
| 111 | My son has had a person or two be extremely rude to him (almost getting physica) because he failed to answer some question they asked him.... but it's because he has extreme difficulties speaking. They think he is being evasive.  | Jul 25, 2012 7:06 AM  |
| 112 | Persons in the school setting have verbally abused our son, an in home worker physically abused my son and also neglected him   | Jul 25, 2012 6:37 AM  |
| 113 | My son had a gun placed in his mouth by a police officer, who was supposed to "protect and serve". It terrified my son who does not "look" as though he is a person with Aspergers. MY son begged me to not Advocate for him because the policeman and his partner followed him home. My son waited to tell me what happened.             | Jul 25, 2012 6:33 AM  |
| 114 | Defamation, attempted educational abuse and neglect, medical abuse (parent lied to mental health professionals to construct a false profile and place me on chemical restraints), encouraging my suicide attempts, and allowing an entire community to openly display their hatred for me when I was a child                              | Jul 24, 2012 8:12 PM  |
| 115 | Bullying and neglect from schools and school district. There are few protections  | Jul 24, 2012 2:56 PM  |

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|     | for students with disabilities. Especially, when the school districts and schools won't acknowledge the disability.  |                       |
| 116 | police abuse, using a taser  | Jul 24, 2012 1:15 PM  |
| 117 | In my last full-time job, my supervisor informed me that I was not permitted to identify myself as a person with a disability, under any circumstances. When I made a statement in a meeting that my supervisor interpreted as violating this directive, I was disciplined; this was also cited as evidence of insubordination on my annual performance evaluation. When I sought advocacy and assistance, I was placed on leave, and ultimately lost my job (I was working in an at-will position.) | Jul 24, 2012 10:45 AM |
| 118 | Very mild abuse--multiple instances of ridicule when I've explained the nature of my disability. I was an athlete explaining my limitations to coaches of a club I participated in.  | Jul 24, 2012 9:44 AM  |
| 119 | son experienced verbal and emotional abuse from others in middle and high school. reported to principle/vp.  | Jul 24, 2012 9:39 AM  |
| 120 | "Jokes" by co-workers about my cognitive impairments and employment accommodations that are required.  | Jul 24, 2012 9:16 AM  |
| 121 | Regardless of what someone is labeled as most people in society have been through some sort of abuse. Most children encounter verbal/emotional abuse in the school setting...  | Jul 24, 2012 8:44 AM  |
| 122 | Hostile work environment stemming from my mental health condition.   | Jul 24, 2012 8:13 AM  |
| 123 | Is abuse being picked on by others?  | Jul 24, 2012 6:20 AM  |
| 124 | threats of physical violence and physical intimidation   | Jul 23, 2012 10:09 PM |
| 125 | We adopted our children from foster care and they had been abused in their birth home. One of them has since been abused in 2 different public schools.  | Jul 23, 2012 8:57 PM  |
| 126 | Physical abuse by an elementary school teacher.  | Jul 23, 2012 8:32 PM  |
| 127 | No, but she is only 10 and mom (me) do not leave her side. I just hope that in school is not happening.  | Jul 23, 2012 8:26 PM  |
| 128 | My son's elbows were pulled out of socket by an ABA therapist who was working with him in our home. My son was non-verbal at the time.   | Jul 23, 2012 8:25 PM  |
| 129 | explotation,intimadation,and multiple rights vilation.   | Jul 23, 2012 5:44 PM  |
| 130 | Bullying at school - I found out about it from another parent. I reported it.  | Jul 23, 2012 11:51 AM |
| 131 | Abuse by public school teachers, principal, speech therapist and others locking son in closet.   | Jul 23, 2012 11:51 AM |
| 132 | I was pulled out of class and disciplined by school authorities for meltdowns arising from my disabilities. I have also experienced some bullying in the form of verbal teasing and exclusion from peers and one teacher.  | Jul 22, 2012 9:58 PM  |

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| 133 | The financial Abuse is due to michigan's messed up Worker Compensation laws and enforcement of judgements.  | Jul 22, 2012 8:51 PM  |
| 134 | Refused interpreter services, services that would provide accessibility or ease in a social situation. People tend to just ignore rather than attempt to communicate.   | Jul 22, 2012 7:23 PM  |
| 135 | from a young adult with disabilities  | Jul 22, 2012 6:31 PM  |
| 136 | Material abuse (agency coming in and taking my things, making me get rid of a cat, living in fear/learning helplessness, seeing others restrained, neglected to death, abused - and told it was all okay in the name of treatment - soooo many abuses   | Jul 22, 2012 6:24 PM  |
| 137 | Institutional abuse/mistreatment.   | Jul 22, 2012 5:12 PM  |
| 138 | Sexual abuse and verbal or emotional abuse  | Jul 22, 2012 2:06 PM  |
| 139 | Four Winds Hospital- Katonah, NY  | Jul 22, 2012 12:46 PM |
| 140 | By a teacher at school and by a cap worker at hime  | Jul 22, 2012 12:31 PM |
| 141 | Abandonment, disbelief due to bias, and refused medical treatment, medical maltreatment, false imprisonment   | Jul 22, 2012 11:27 AM |
| 142 | spiritual abuse   | Jul 22, 2012 11:21 AM |
| 143 | I was beaten by my (ex) husband and threatened. I have been bullied my entire life. At work, most recently, though, I was bullied terribly. My supervisor (I work for a federal agency in DC - she was a director) said terrible things to me, told me I am a bad person, told me that because of my disability (Asperger's Syndrome) that I would never get a higher grade level (I am a GS 12 and she said I would never get a GS 13). She threatened my job, yelled at me and said very cruel, personal things to me (even though I was one of the better performers in the office - I have received performance bonuses the last two years). She even did things to exacerbate my sensory processing disorder. She took away the reasonable accommodations that I had requested and received. But I survived. Jesus kept me close to Him the entire time and I came out stronger and able to help others in my situation. | Jul 22, 2012 10:32 AM |
| 144 | Extreme, ongoing bullying at school.  | Jul 22, 2012 9:50 AM  |
| 145 | Forced through unnecessary medical/surgical and mental health treatment against my will by people who knew I did not consent to these things or who should've known they were wrong.  | Jul 22, 2012 9:43 AM  |
| 146 | While hospitalized, I was repeatedly told that I wasn't doing everything I should to get better. I was ridiculed by some staff who liked upsetting me and seeing how I reacted. They enjoyed setting me off. There were also times when I was threatened with being placed in a state institution or being given ECT because I didn't improve to the satisfaction of the doctor, the hospital, or the insurance company.  | Jul 22, 2012 8:55 AM  |
| 147 | Only some teasing/bullying in Elementary school. He's a child.  | Jul 22, 2012 5:09 AM  |

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| 148 | over protection and paternalism   | Jul 22, 2012 5:07 AM  |
| 149 | caregiver stole our daughter's meds and then drove our daughter in a vehicle. The caregiver ran the vehicle into a ditch.   | Jul 21, 2012 9:37 AM  |
| 150 | Family member has difficulty in the workplace. Needs a caring boss to advocate for respectful and equitable treatment. Has gone through many jobs. works very hard for very little pay.   | Jul 18, 2012 11:44 AM |
| 151 | Question below doesn't apply and #8 didn't apply.   | Jul 13, 2012 6:29 AM  |
| 152 | Abused by his Mother and siblings   | Jul 13, 2012 4:43 AM  |
| 153 | Employers not hiring because of disabilities. And know several people with intellectual disabilities whos parents abuse them financially.   | Jul 13, 2012 4:28 AM  |
| 154 | ,   | Jul 12, 2012 1:33 PM  |
| 155 | People around me know that I have difficulty picking up on social cues and cannot understand sarcasm or jokes and they will often make me the butt of their jokes and laugh at me because it amuses them when I am confused. They also call me names like "retard" and treat me at times as though I have limited intelligence, often telling me that I have no common sense.   | Jul 11, 2012 6:06 PM  |
| 156 | none that I know of at this time.   | Jul 9, 2012 12:32 PM  |
| 157 | from health providers, they do not care and just say all medicval problems are not there, you are making them up or exaggerating them   | Jul 7, 2012 4:07 AM   |
| 158 | I also have experienced visual abuse in which a hard of hearing co-worker would use his eyes to stare at my crotch region, my buttocks, my breasts while pretending to watch me talking in sign language. I also have experienced people using sexual touch on my neck or leg as means to get attention and say they are just trying to get attention. THis kind of abuse is not discussed or reportable as there is no check box for this to report it. I also have experienced interpreters who have mis-interpreted for me in family court when my father who abused me, took my mother to court for custody of me. I told the court I was scared of my father and the interperter changed the language to that I hated my father instead of saying I was scared. As result I had to go to see my father because the court said so even though I told the court I was scared of my father. I didn't know until years later that the interpreter lied. The inter peter also hurt me in school. It was the same inter peter and she would yell at me when I tried to talk to Adults without her. Recently I used an inter peter and the inter peter stopped interpreting and emotionally verbally abused me by yelling at at me in the middle of a meeting. I had asked for clarifcation and the inter peter was angry and told me I was not paying attention to her interpretation. My father lied to the government that he was taking care of me so I couldn't apply for SSI and he stole my money for college. I had no money for college and I had to get a loan. He didn't take care of me. My ex-partner who was hearing, he would often hear about Deaf events but he would not tell me about them. I would not know about them and not be able to go. So I was isolated from the Deaf community. He also would break my things to control me. He would tell me things like I'm overreacting or that I'm imaging things. When I was growing up (I'm the only one | Jul 6, 2012 12:56 PM  |

Deaf in my family), I would ask for information or understand what my family was talking about. I was often told they will tell me later. When I asked later, they told me never mind or 'I forgot'. When I was in high school, I wanted to be more active and responsible in my class, I wanted to lead the group. I was often told to shut up and copy other people. I never learned leadership skills. I went to mainstreamed school where I was the only one Deaf. In college and in graduate school (in US) when I spoke up for more information in class, I was told I was acting too Deaf. Or I was told by my classmates that I was being too Deaf and that I was bothering the class. The professor didn't give me the information and everyone laughed. When I was 13 years old, I had a group of boys 16 years old who for two years would run up behind me and yell at me behind my back Dummy, Stupid, retarded, bitch. No one stopped this. This was happening at my school on a regular basis. The boys would also pull on my bra strap from behind and snap it. They would steal my purse and run off with it when I couldn't hear them coming up. I finally told my mother when I got tired of trying to ignore them. My mother called the principal and the principal told the boys to stop or be suspended. The boys were not punished just warned. They stopped but I still get yelled at time to time behind my back by the boys. When I go out in public with my family, even when I was past my 20's, people often would not talk to me but talk to my mother and ask her what did 'she want'. My mother would tell them to ask me directly. It's a society problem for abuse, because no one directly interacts with deaf people in communication because of the communication barrier. and thus complex situations when abuse does happen. For example my teachers don't understand me without the interpreter, my teachers don't know ASL and English is not my first language. English is not accessible for majority of Deaf people. Written english is not truly visual because written english is dependent on knowledge of spoken language to decode the written english. When I was in bad abusive situations, I couldn't get the help I needed. And often when people are being abusive towards me, other people don't see it because it's the interpreter abusing me, or it's my father abusing me and they ask me through the interpreter or talk to my father. Or the case of hard of hearing man who sexually assaulted me at work with his touches, it took me five years to learn how to speak up, get the situation properly reported. It's on-going case situation right now. People take advantage of touch to get my attention to use it as a way to touch me sexual way. When I was 5 years old, a 8 year old boy, hearing touched my groin and I didn't know how to report it. I did back away from him but I was confused. I've been Deaf my whole life. I've been slapped in the face by my mother when I didn't sound right. I was making too much noise eating. I've been yelled at and punished for being too loud when I didn't know I was being loud as since I can't hear. I've been yelled at for shuffling my feet which makes noise that hearing people don't make. I've had strangers yell at me because I didn't hear them say 'excuse me' from behind me. Few times I've been pushed roughly by strangers who want to go to the store shelf I'm looking at. I tell them I'm Deaf. they don't apologize. I've had people laugh at me when I'm out in public and using sign language. I have had people stare at me signing or when I use my Deaf voice. When I ask for access in education, I've been told "we can't give you all the help you are asking for, it would give you unfair advantage over hearing people in your class". I've gotten bad interpreters. I've asked for skilled interpreters and have identified how to get those skilled interpreters. They have ignored it and continued to give me bad interpreters. That oppresses me in the educational environment and I consider it an form of verbal abuse. The educational institute controls information and do not allow me to have control of having skilled interpreters. I have had interpreters who don't

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interpret everything, leave out information. I tell the hearing people but they don't understand me because they don't know ASL and my English is not very good. I don't know how to explain to hearing people how they are hurting me when they control information and don't allow me access. It is very demeaning, degrading, oppressive, put down when people don't allow me access to information such as my family talking, my professors talking, my classmates talking, my work boss talking, my work-mates talking. Often I am left out. No one tells me what's going on. Everyday I have to ask, tell me what's going on. When I go shopping with my hearing partner, often people talk to her and don't talk to me. I'm invisible yet visible. I'm the white elephant in the room to be embarrassed about. I know this is about abuse but abuse in Deaf people is more complex as communication plays a role in it. I have been abused several times by strangers, family, co-workers, service providers. It was not until I took a workshop series focused for women with disabilities, including Deaf people that I was able to identify the abuse and find the language to speak up to stop it. I still get left out at work because people don't have money for interpreters or have the time to earn sign language. That kind of thing will take time. When I become boss of my own workplace, I am going to get money to train my employees to use sign language and use sign at work so no deaf people gets left out. I think the worst five situations I experienced (with abuse) are: when my father hurt me when I was 6 and on and off until I didn't have to see him any more. Last time he hurt me was when I was 15, I woke up to find him in my bedroom watching me sleep. I don't remember what else he did. I tried to tell people and the interpreter lied. No one believed me because my father fooled people and I was not hurt enough to go to the hospital. Even now, I have flashbacks and nightmares about my father. When my mother slapped my face when I was eating supper with my family. She slapped me and yelled at me for not sounding right, that I don't sound like a hearing person. That I had to eat like a hearing person. I still hurt from that and I can't talk to my mother about that one. I was 15 years old. Last year, I went to the Amtrak desk service to buy a ticket for the train for next day. The desk clerk didn't understand me and I asked for pen and paper to write to show her what I needed. I also tried to show her the computer printout I had. She told me "you're too slow" in a really patronizing tone, looking at me up and down, said "you have to leave and go to the end of the line". I told her I had the print out, I wanted her to read it. she said no, go back to the end of the line. I was so humiliated and hurt. I left really embarrassed. My co-worker touching my neck, my ass, my thigh. When I said don't touch me that way, he said oh I dint' mean to do that. He kept on doing it. I told other people and people told me that I was being a bad team player and had to be nice to him. He also often would stand close to me, into my personal space that only my partner can stand that close to me. It took my workplace a long time to see that he was harassing me and to believe me. I don't know why it took them four years. He would touch me when no one was looking or come and stand near me when no one was looking. He would even go and talk to the interpreters when I needed them in the meetings, during the breaks or before the meetings, after the meetings. So the interpreters were distracted and couldn't interpret for me. When my ex-hearing partner would withhold information about Deaf events so I couldn't go. I have more situations about my father. He would go for weeks without talking to me to punish me. Or when he was angry at my mother, he would punish me. He would try hurt my little sister or brother, I would interfere and he would punish me instead so I could protect my sister and brother. He told me I was his property because I was girl-child. Everynight before I go to bed, my mother would tell me to kiss him good night. I hated it. I hated the smell of him, the feel of him. I

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|     | refused to eat so I could have some sort of control. I was underweight teenager. My aunts, uncles still treat me like I'm a child. They don't believe I can live a full life. They often talk to me in a very patronizing way and don't believe that I'm a scientist. They don't include me in family activities. I'm put to the side.  |                       |
| 159 | several   | Jul 5, 2012 4:40 PM   |
| 160 | from another family member (soon-to be ex-daughter-in-law) later diagnosed with untreated bipolar disorder  | Jul 5, 2012 12:07 PM  |
| 161 | ? I dont know - my brother couldnt tell us everything that may have happened. He came home from camp one year with unexplained bruising (from easter seals camp). Who knows what else throughout his life may have happened...  | Jul 5, 2012 10:29 AM  |
| 162 | Secondary PTSD resulting from 2 early onset bipolar children and the stress that can occur with raising them.   | Jul 3, 2012 11:23 AM  |
| 163 | It the time of the first abuse, my family member showed no signs of mental health problems.   | Jul 3, 2012 10:05 AM  |
| 164 | Victim of horrible domestic violence in NC and have not been able to get legal help in court , ways to get to court and the perpetrator while I was in Florida staying hidden my father became sick and died , meanwhile the purpurtrator went to a judge without my knowledge and asked him to dismiss the charges... And tha judge did with out ever hearing or seeing any evidence..the story is much worse, too long to write ...   | Jul 3, 2012 6:27 AM   |
| 165 | mind control, satanic ritual abuse. All which caused me to have DID   | Jul 2, 2012 7:24 PM   |
| 166 | ritual satanic, child porm and trafficking -by all my family of orgin ,as a child and teen-depression ,DID,spastic dysphonia -speech  | Jul 2, 2012 6:48 PM   |
| 167 | GOVERNMENT  | Jul 2, 2012 11:31 AM  |
| 168 | tied up the ropes on my bed when i was little boy becuae i was playing lighter with mini jar for refill lighter. That why my mom caught me during the night.  | Jul 2, 2012 10:46 AM  |
| 169 | we think there was sexual abuse or at least touching but were not able to prove it.   | Jul 2, 2012 5:25 AM   |
| 170 | abuse by a ritually abuse cult group.   | Jul 2, 2012 4:20 AM   |
| 171 | all at the hands of paid "care" givers  | Jun 30, 2012 12:10 PM |
| 172 | Although my step-daughter, with Down's Syndrome, has not experienced abuse in a tangible way, I feel that her stay at a facility in Texas was so emotionally damaging that in 9 months stay there she refused to go into the cafeteria to eat, and as the staff would not give her meals in her room, she lost 40 pounds in just a few months. Fortunately, the stay at the facility was temporary, just long enough to get her into a much better system, so she is now a very happy client in a small residential home. | Jun 30, 2012 8:36 AM  |
| 173 | I was in a relationship when I was in my mid-twenties, and one day he was drunk and high on drugs and just decided to sexually do something I didn't want to do.  | Jun 29, 2012 7:23 PM  |

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|     | He wouldn't take no for an answer and was way to strong for me to stop him.   |                       |
| 174 | Being taken full and complete advantage of by my family members whom I thought really did care for me.  | Jun 29, 2012 2:50 PM  |
| 175 | A state agency, Oregon Voc Rehab, engages in a series of abusive behaviour, including yelling, screaming, fist-pounding, and use of intimidation to remove people they deem not worth their efforts. The branch manager informed me that I am unhireable, based on tests for which had a variety of positive results.   | Jun 26, 2012 2:17 PM  |
| 176 | The abuse occurred at school and was reported to school authorities but not protective services or police.  | Jun 26, 2012 11:59 AM |
| 177 | Theft   | Jun 26, 2012 2:52 AM  |
| 178 | When I was 8, I was raped by someone I knew, and until I was 14, I was molested by various friends of my parents. As a young adult, I was abused financially, verbally and emotionally by (ex-) boyfriend as a young adult. This included threats to kill members of my family. As a middle age woman, I was mentally tortured by a supervisor, who would get into my face and rant at me. Once she cornered me in a parking lot, trying to get me to attack her and get fired, which I resisted. Later, I worked with an autistic child. His mother was a parent advocate. She got crazier and crazier as she became more addicted to alcohol and Oxycontin for pain. She emotionally abused autistic adults and kids, including her own. She eventually killed herself. I look back on these things with shame and embarrassment. | Jun 25, 2012 9:55 PM  |
| 179 | I was teased by other kids in school.   | Jun 25, 2012 3:10 PM  |
| 180 | Was placed in a school cafeteria's freezer for a good period of time because he was "aroused". He was in his teens at the time (normal to have these feelings but don't know how to handle them).   | Jun 25, 2012 1:53 PM  |
| 181 | Medications stolen by agency provider for attendant care.   | Jun 25, 2012 8:42 AM  |
| 182 | My daughter with autism was ostrisized in many different places. She was physically abused at the school district she was enrolled in.  | Jun 25, 2012 7:47 AM  |
| 183 | Purse stolen at school (purposely distracted while second person stole it)  | Jun 24, 2012 4:22 PM  |
| 184 | Have been ignored by the school system, denied services which could improve development/abilities. At school the counselor told "the computer class your are requesting is not available for the handicapped students." Teachers and school personnel "restrain" because the goal is to have a "good behavior" and their emotional being is totally ignored. Therefore, the one who are supposed to be in charge to provide the mostly inclusive environment are the ones who abuse and restrain the students with special needs.   | Jun 24, 2012 9:34 AM  |
| 185 | Mostly at the hands of my caregivers in an institutional setting.   | Jun 23, 2012 1:02 PM  |
| 186 | I was abused (emotionally, verbally and physically) in my 2nd marriage. I stayed for too long, thinking I could change the person. It never happened and I realized I HAD to remove myself from that situation to safe myself and my children!  | Jun 22, 2012 4:48 PM  |

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| 187 | more of a discrimination than abuse  | Jun 22, 2012 2:56 PM  |
| 188 | Failure to honor disabled parking. Upon questioning or asking offending auto to move have been physically threatened...told to go "fuck myself" Several occasions have been scared when using cane due to verbal abuse from "young toughs"   | Jun 22, 2012 2:36 PM  |
| 189 | We have only had her since she was 2 - it is probably that she experienced physical and sexual abuse while at the orphanage prior to our family adopting her. The emotional and verbal abuse occurs with friends and at school due to her behavior being so odd and socially inappropriate   | Jun 21, 2012 7:03 PM  |
| 190 | From several doctors, judges, courts, police officers, neighbors, community mediation services, telephone customer service reps (the worst!), government workers, politicians (they DO NOT CARE), domestic violence center said my abuse didn't count b/c it was physical; they said they had more important ppl to deal with, crisis line called the cops out when I couldn't talk, firemen & police came to knock my door down, terrorized me and my dog, my dog died 6 wks later and I started hemorrhaging from all the stress; docs couldn't stop the bleeding. Later got stg 3 cancer. Judge told me I was making up the abuse. Very abusive county San Mateo County. Lawyers refused to take my case b/c this county is so backwards. | Jun 21, 2012 6:54 PM  |
| 191 | My sister-in-law (age 55) has intellectual disabilities. She has been sexually abused by her father, raped by a neighbor, beat up by her brothers (twins ages 38). Raped her brothers friends, verbally abused by brothers, financially abused by her brother and mother. Neglected by her mother, her guardian and the list could go on.  | Jun 20, 2012 3:21 PM  |
| 192 | CPS workers using my childrens disability as a weapon (trying to say we are neglecting their health) to remove our children. Constant harassment by schools and CPS due to injuries caused by their condition (bruises from falling, bite marks inflicted by the children to themselves).  | Jun 20, 2012 1:59 PM  |
| 193 | Workplace abuse/maltreatment   | Jun 20, 2012 9:57 AM  |
| 194 | "Fired" by a doctor (I was his patient) because his nurse lied to him about me.  | Jun 20, 2012 9:52 AM  |
| 195 | By judge and police  | Jun 20, 2012 9:21 AM  |
| 196 | housing, health insurance  | Jun 19, 2012 12:43 PM |
| 197 | I was not considered for a position of employment  | Jun 19, 2012 8:36 AM  |
| 198 | isolation/seclusion-closet as time out at school   | Jun 19, 2012 7:17 AM  |
| 199 | I have been abused however I believe there were times when the abuse was not directly related or related at all to my disabilities.  | Jun 18, 2012 8:17 PM  |
| 200 | By another disabled child when my daughter was very young  | Jun 18, 2012 3:03 PM  |
| 201 | isolation from mainstrwm due to seeing and acting different in the world   | Jun 18, 2012 4:39 AM  |
| 202 | Bullying by peers when in elementary & secondary school  | Jun 17, 2012 11:17 AM |

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| 203 | When buildings and businesses are inaccessible to me I also see that as a form of abuse. I see it is an attempt to dehumanized me.  | Jun 15, 2012 6:59 PM  |
| 204 | Taken advantage of to perform minial work, SSA monies used for other purposes than its intended purpose, ignored, laughed at.   | Jun 15, 2012 9:57 AM  |
| 205 | Disregard for my needs  | Jun 15, 2012 7:35 AM  |
| 206 | I was abused and ignored by most of the teachers in the school system. Started in 1st grade all the way till I graduated from High School. I had to fight to pass from grade to grade and to receive my High School diploma. It took the superintendent to favor me in the final appeal. Also, in 1972, an college discriminated me in a nursing program even though I was an " A" student. they pulled me out of the program because of my disabiity. Also, in the workplace too. Too many incidents to count. | Jun 15, 2012 6:38 AM  |
| 207 | Being denied equal access to testing facilities due to needing to use a walker  | Jun 15, 2012 6:31 AM  |
| 208 | It very hard to get help for an adult who reaches the age of 18   | Jun 15, 2012 6:06 AM  |
| 209 | I have been abused at work, and it is a continuous type of dicrimination.   | Jun 14, 2012 7:18 PM  |
| 210 | My husband experienced some neglect and some physical abuse while in a nursing home. The abuse was described by his mom as witnessing aides throwing him in bed. She said that she contacted a lawyer and had the lawyer write a letter to the nursing him. It supposedly stopped after the letter was received. The neglect ranged from not receiving medications all the time to leaving him on the toilet for long periods of time.  | Jun 14, 2012 4:17 PM  |
| 211 | Language such as "crazy", schizo, loony, screw loose, etc. This seems to be more prevalent as in " Well, it's just crazy" or well, iit's a schizophrenic problem". This is really getting bad in the media but I've also heard it from the pulpit by a priest.  | Jun 14, 2012 2:54 PM  |
| 212 | bullying  | Jun 14, 2012 2:52 PM  |
| 213 | Abuse from service providers- mostly lack of service!!  | Jun 14, 2012 2:12 PM  |
| 214 | These are actually all causes to my disability. The physical abuse has not happened since I have become disabled.   | Jun 14, 2012 1:28 PM  |
| 215 | Was raised as a young child in a meth lab.  | Jun 14, 2012 1:19 PM  |
| 216 | Employment abuse  | Jun 14, 2012 12:08 PM |
| 217 | My daughter with whom I live can be both verbally andon a rare occasion physically abusive, a swift slapu in the face has happened on a couple of occasions and yet is a strong advocate in my behalf at times I just think that being a caregiver can have meltdowns if they don't get a break   | Jun 14, 2012 10:03 AM |
| 218 | Not being allowed the freedom of choice in her life as she is able to.  | Jun 14, 2012 9:46 AM  |
| 219 | Restrained and isolated in the school system.   | Jun 14, 2012 7:14 AM  |

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| 220 | My DVR counselor told me that I was incapable of paid employment. This was following a VR assessment-that I completed and 'passed', that was paid for by DVR. I do not know if you consider this 'abuse', but I certainly felt discriminated against and abused.  | Jun 12, 2012 5:57 PM  |
| 221 | My daughter was put in a closet when she refused to eat her lunch. This happened in a public school setting. Another time she was left on the bus for over an hour in the winter.   | Jun 12, 2012 1:28 PM  |
| 222 | Restraint to the point of breaking a bone and seclusion.  | Jun 12, 2012 12:54 PM |
| 223 | I had a bimedial thalamic stroke during the labor of my first child. At that time, I was almost 26 years old, I had two years of college for nursing and a real estate license. The stroke initially left me unable to walk talk chew my food or control my bladder. THIS IS A SHORT SPACE SO I WILL JUST SAY THAT DURING MY INCOMPETENCY, MY SEVERELY GROSS CASE OF MEDICAL MALPRACTICE WAS SETTLED OUT OF COURT. WOULD YOU PLEASE HELP ME GET THE PRESIDENTS ATTENTION, BECAUSE THIS TRAUMA HAS COST THE TAXPAYER THOUSANDS!!!!!! | Jun 12, 2012 11:17 AM |
| 224 | bullying by peers, neglect from some adults in school when reporting bullying, neglect when asking for help with some classes or tasks (with disabilities identified in an IEP and plans to address them laid out)  | Jun 12, 2012 9:59 AM  |
| 225 | governmental abuse  | Jun 12, 2012 9:24 AM  |
| 226 | No because person refuses to leave abuser   | Jun 12, 2012 8:49 AM  |
| 227 | My child was verbally/physically abused by his teacher when he got into Middle School. It happened two years in a row.  | Jun 12, 2012 7:48 AM  |
| 228 | is social isolation abuse? it feels like it but who is to blame.  | Jun 12, 2012 5:27 AM  |
| 229 | Bullying  | Jun 12, 2012 5:13 AM  |
| 230 | Law enforcement and Legal miss-understandings of my capacities, disability and limited faculties. These resulted in loss of job, career, credit, community standing and considerable dollars for defense.   | Jun 11, 2012 6:36 PM  |
| 231 | Our daughter requires frequent visits with nurses and physicians, any physical abuse would be noted. She is able to communicate and when asked would report any abuse quickly   | Jun 11, 2012 4:12 PM  |
| 232 | Locked in a room for days, no contact with the outside, food being withheld, being hosed  | Jun 11, 2012 3:31 PM  |
| 233 | Discrimination in obtaining housing and employment/ cruel treatment with social services, Denied an advocate  | Jun 11, 2012 3:00 PM  |
| 234 | Verbal abuse just happens so much it becomes the status quo - people just don't seem to mind making ugly comments. Then there are those who take advantage of the most vulnerable people - they are sick. People complain about us using the handicapped parking spaces since I'm not in a wheelchair - I've often taken my cane just to keep people from pushing, shoving, or annoying me with   | Jun 11, 2012 2:40 PM  |

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|     | questions of why I 'cant do it myself' - and many people resent that we ever have any fun. God help you if you're seen in a bar, for instance - or out on a dance floor - on a 'good' day. We're supposed to be eternally miserable in our 'predicament' - as if we deserved our circumstances, somehow.   |                       |
| 235 | My half brother, who is involved in drugs, has called and asked all sorts of questions. He wanted to know if I was alone and where I lived. There plan was to steel anything they could from me but I did not give them any information and blocked his calls.   | Jun 11, 2012 11:45 AM |
| 236 | My son has been yelled at, and once restrained by being knelt on, by teachers of child care program staff.   | Jun 11, 2012 11:24 AM |
| 237 | The question below does not pertain if you answered no to 7. You should have included a box...this question doesn't apply to me.   | Jun 11, 2012 11:02 AM |
| 238 | Caregiver "privilege" --subtle abuse pattern   | Jun 11, 2012 10:51 AM |
| 239 | When my daughter was very young she was knocked down and kicked by several older boys at a park. I found the parents and discussed the boys' behavior and let the parents discipline them.   | Jun 11, 2012 10:03 AM |
| 240 | My daughter attends high school and students have verbally abused her in some way. This information has been shared with me by other students that have observed this behavior.  | Jun 11, 2012 8:38 AM  |
| 241 | **I do not believe the abuse I experience was related to my disability.**  | Jun 10, 2012 3:45 PM  |
| 242 | Bullying   | Jun 9, 2012 8:50 PM   |
| 243 | vocational rehabilitation agencies, ssi,ssdi agencies, relative to mental and emotional disabilities [so called hidden disabilities] , are responsible for committing structural violence on these people because these agencies refuse to approve or consistently provide the legitimate services needed for emotionally and mentally disabled people to survive and contribute to society. | Jun 9, 2012 1:52 PM   |
| 244 | Peers without disabilities often tormented, pushed, or became aggressive with my brother who is deaf.  | Jun 8, 2012 8:29 PM   |
| 245 | Easy target for police officers to trap and then arrest, easy target for supervisors to exploit, etc.  | Jun 8, 2012 1:07 PM   |
| 246 | Bullying   | Jun 8, 2012 12:42 PM  |
| 247 | Given drugs by a trusted family member   | Jun 8, 2012 8:22 AM   |
| 248 | "job" abuse  | Jun 7, 2012 2:00 PM   |
| 249 | domestic violence in which I experienced physical abuse, financial abuse, verbal and emotional abuse   | Jun 7, 2012 1:47 PM   |
| 250 | my son is non verbal with autism he has been tied to a chair until his arms were bruised by a person with a PHD, knocked down and stepped on his face leaving a shoe print by a bus driver, nose broken by a different bus driver and a  | Jun 7, 2012 1:38 PM   |

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|     | caregiver exposed him to sexual abuse hopefully I caught it in time before anything happened.  |                      |
| 251 | I will never be hired again because I have a visible disability. If a miracle occurs, and I get offered a job, the drugs my neurologist gives me will light that test up like Christmas tree and will lead to Constructive Discharge (so my career is over as employee), I will never qualify for disability benefits (because I'm not disabled medically or legally), so I'm in deep doo doo. I fall through every hole in system. If I don't get this company off ground soon, I will die in the street. My family tried to do that last year with me and it was just luck that I not only survived, finally got a settlement, but also now have planning grant...but I could easily die in year if that grant doesn't succeed in launching my business.   | Jun 7, 2012 12:15 PM |
| 252 | If you call being stared at.   | Jun 7, 2012 12:12 PM |
| 253 | By the school district and private care givers.  | Jun 7, 2012 12:05 PM |
| 254 | when in a nursing faucility if I did not advoacate they would of continued to neglected his care, they then fixed the issues and assigned different staff to his care.   | Jun 7, 2012 9:13 AM  |
| 255 | I am answering for three of us. All with differing issues. One a 78 year old female with Alzheimers, financial abuse, a 23 year old who was abused physically at age 3 resulting in head injury and CP, other issue related to myself, power wheelchair user at age 50.  | Jun 7, 2012 7:41 AM  |
| 256 | The sexual abuse was covert and perpetrated by my father. I yell at my son in an inappropriate way, but am working very hard on this behavior. My ex-husband was financially abusive and neglectful. All of the above apply to my own childhood experience with my father. I am a single mother with a masters with really poor choices when it comes to men. My son's father killed my cat because he was angry with me and couldn't deal with his abandonment issues.  | Jun 7, 2012 6:50 AM  |
| 257 | not treated as everyone else,  | Jun 7, 2012 6:11 AM  |
| 258 | My son came home from school so badly bruised under his arm and on his chest we had to take him to the ER. The doctors at te hospital said he had been dragged across a rug. School took NO responsibility for this act. It still makes me shiver.   | Jun 6, 2012 4:34 PM  |
| 259 | on the job by not assisting with my needs  | Jun 6, 2012 2:24 PM  |
| 260 | Physical - she was hit and pushed by a school bus driver, who was re-assigned to another bus route but not fired. The abuse was witnessed by other children on the bus. She was abused by a boyfriend and we assisted her with getting counseling help but she did not want to press charges. She was robbed of about \$1000 worth of personal items but the police said she would not be a "good" witness and refused to open an investigation (although we had credible information about the person who did it). Physical, verbal and emotional abuse by agency staff included being grabbed, pushed, yelled at. Neglect entailed health and safety concerns at her apartment when staff did not do their jobs and left her kitchen in filth. Neglect also happened when staff took her to a strange location away from her home and left her unsupervised. | Jun 6, 2012 12:18 PM |

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| 261 | medical Dr. have neglect in many ways and done poor medical treatment to me  | Jun 6, 2012 9:02 AM  |
| 262 | lack of knowledge of the disability resulted in emotional abuse as a child and healthy interpersonal relationships were difficult to maintain. In addition, bullying in grade school (physical, emotional and verbal abuse via peers) was present in regards to the mental health disability... which only seemed to make the symptoms and affects of the disability worse as most as it originated environmentally and biologically   | Jun 6, 2012 8:23 AM  |
| 263 | a caregiver--the agency providing the individual immediately stepped in and removed the person who caused the injury by being too rough.   | Jun 6, 2012 3:55 AM  |
| 264 | My sister was recently diagnosed with Gonorrhoea, she has the mentality level of a 18-24 month old.  | Jun 5, 2012 8:06 PM  |
| 265 | Self neglect   | Jun 5, 2012 3:21 PM  |
| 266 | Simply being treated as "less than" so susceptible to being ordered, chosen for, done for, having preferences ignored, and the like.   | Jun 5, 2012 2:16 PM  |
| 267 | As an adult  | Jun 5, 2012 12:25 PM |
| 268 | Bullying, teasing by peers and. made to feel less of a human being by a teacher  | Jun 5, 2012 10:07 AM |
| 269 | I grew up in a single-parent alcoholic home. I am pretty sure there was domestic violence between my mother and father. Most of my childhood memories are in bits and pieces. There is a possibility of sex abuse, but I'm not sure. I was sexually assaulted twice in my life. In the most recent (1982), the defendant's defense team, knowing that I have low vision, replaced the defendant with his cousin at the defense table, so I mis-identified the perpetrator, and the case was dismissed. This was the only case I reported to law enforcement. I was the victim of bullies when I was a child; one incident occurred when I was about 4 years old. | Jun 5, 2012 9:38 AM  |
| 270 | I was exploited and abused, sexually and mentally, by a psychoanalyst during my adolescence.   | Jun 5, 2012 9:25 AM  |
| 271 | Citizens telling me I did not belong at the local shopping mall, at the college concert hall, or even in church.   | Jun 5, 2012 7:43 AM  |
| 272 | Emotional - since he is threatened by the loss of his 'happy' home (a facility with 32 residents)-Disability Rights people INSIST that ALL disabled be in homes of 8 or less by 2013-OBRA funding will no longer pay- and he has NO say!!  | Jun 5, 2012 5:57 AM  |
| 273 | My son was at the day care where I worked and somehow got entangled in the blind cords. The ones that were supposed to be up at all times to avoid such an incident from happening. He had a red mark on his neck. I did not report the incident but after that incident my son no longer attended that day care. I feared losing my job since I needed the job to care for my child as well as health insurance. During his years in school my son has been belittled and called names. Many of his teachers felt that he could do more perhaps because he was borderline but he was non verbal until he got older. I think the Dyslexia and                    | Jun 4, 2012 6:52 PM  |

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|     | ADHD attributed to the majority of his issues.   |                      |
| 274 | My son has been verbally bullied since he was in 1st grade. He is now a junior in high school. He does not know how to respond quickly enough to the verbal "jabs" and comments that kids say. He has Asperger's, Tourette Syndrome, OCD and ADHD. While very intelligent, this is a challenge that never seems to improve or be understood by teachers and adults who are in authority. What is even worse is when adults make sarcastic comments and he is unable to respond because he has learned that his reactions come off rude and disrespectful.  | Jun 4, 2012 3:16 PM  |
| 275 | n/a  | Jun 4, 2012 8:54 AM  |
| 276 | My sons father did not take him to his probation appointments, I heard his father was restricting him to the house and that the step mother had hit him  | Jun 4, 2012 7:13 AM  |
| 277 | Emotional / Religious harrassment based on a mis-understanding that the disability could be "cured" if appropriate prayers were offered and repeated urging to "pray harder to get the devil out of you"   | Jun 4, 2012 7:11 AM  |
| 278 | relative cruel and degrading treatment   | Jun 4, 2012 5:55 AM  |
| 279 | Due to the disability, he is bullied at school.  | Jun 4, 2012 5:51 AM  |
| 280 | oppression abuse: attitude on deaf/hard of hearing and any kind of disability communication abuse  | Jun 3, 2012 7:27 PM  |
| 281 | I worked as a teacher for folks with devleopmental disabilities and yes I saw and reported abuse on the job. But not a family member.  | Jun 3, 2012 1:31 PM  |
| 282 | Mostly it is people in public situations where I am using a mobility device like a scooter or a cane and people cut you off or treat you like you're not there or even worse make ugly comments about being a cripple. Nothing that serious. But in family I have had uncles yell at me and call me a faker for not being able to get a job, thinking that the pain I experience is imaginary. Again, not exactly abuse that rises to the level of reporting to authorities, but a form of abuse nonetheless.  | Jun 3, 2012 12:22 PM |
| 283 | Our child is non verbal Autistic and while attending kindergarten has experienced constant mysterious bruises in hidden areas! Neglect from school staff with hygiene, and for health protocols, and neglect to assist child who has also feeding protocols. Neglect from school superintendent, Teacher was not allowed to intervene or speak during conference complaint we requested. We even went as far as reporting it in the hospital emergency department, where CPS did a minor quick investigation, and sent us away saying that bruises were tosmall for us to file or pursue a complaint! Had numerous times contacted school board, no response or returned calls, and as a last resort try to transfer child to a new district had a scheduled appointment to come in an process registration for new school, but after being invited to come in (Waiting for more than two hours) to confirm a school district transfer by permission living in another county, our child got turned down to pursue school transfer, and the only ultimatum for this to be allowed, we had to move and reside in their specific district, tried alternatives to place in private schools or familiar training programs that specialised education for pupils of Autism, and Autism Spectrum. Unfortunately it was to costly for our | Jun 2, 2012 10:54 PM |

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budget. So the Regional Centre For Early Start Program had advised us that we are allowed to withdraw our child from school, technically by law he didn't have to continue the pre-kindergarten program till our child was seven. Basically due to budget cuts our child and us parents as his strongest advocates were left in the dark and our child who has one characteristic of being repetitive left as a victim traumatised by abuse!...So we left California and relocated to Oregon where we started our lives new again. Welcomed we were to our new environment, our son was introduced to our districts school, although was transitioned and sent to attend another school who had more trained staff for pupils with disability in a regular public school setting nurtured by a special program. half the school year had gone by and our son was happy and enjoying school again. But after the return of Christmas break our son had new teachers assistants, and classrooms got more crowded, we already new that because it was his first experience having a school break and coming back to new staff and new classmates in a more crowded setting, and the overwhelming transitioning from one place and school to another, and encountering new pupils who surround him brought him a sensory to unknown environment, and being he has a repetitive way of imitating all sorts of characters to help him understand his peers, he simply felt alone due to his peers needed the attention as well as he did and grew accustom to. So he learn to adapt and accepted the transition started having aggressive

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| 284 | Yes, My Sister is my biggest problem. She always talk down to me. When she cook for Mother she cook for other people she make it clear that she is not cooking for me.   | Jun 2, 2012 9:46 PM   |
| 285 | When my grandson was in a foster home with the state. VERY NEGLECTED & looks like a war orphan.  | Jun 2, 2012 1:07 PM   |
| 286 | Maltreatment from school staff verbal abuse and threat to do bodily harm   | Jun 2, 2012 12:38 PM  |
| 287 | As a child and again as an adult   | Jun 1, 2012 2:10 PM   |
| 288 | It was in the school   | Jun 1, 2012 11:20 AM  |
| 289 | discrimination in the workplace  | Jun 1, 2012 10:46 AM  |
| 290 | discrimination - not allowed in regular classes, assumed low intelligence. Possible sexual abuse as a child (by an older child) in a respite care facility.  | Jun 1, 2012 8:29 AM   |
| 291 | Especially withing the school system   | Jun 1, 2012 2:50 AM   |
| 292 | Educational opportunity discrimination   | May 31, 2012 6:31 PM  |
| 293 | Verbal abuse- caused by people who did not believe that childs disability was there, people telling other people that the child is faking it. Even had a female nurse state out loud in front of child that child was faking it. | May 31, 2012 5:21 PM  |
| 294 | restraint in the classroom, which ended up with minor carpet burns on his face, knees and elbows.  | May 31, 2012 11:12 AM |
| 295 | Harrassment on the job of an emotional and verbally sexually abusive nature even to the point of filing complaints. The supervisor was allowed to get away   | May 31, 2012 9:55 AM  |

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|     | with it, and my son who is deaf was removed from the job site.  |                       |
| 296 | One of the individuals I serve as a Program Supervisor for an organization that provides services has experienced abuse.  | May 31, 2012 9:04 AM  |
| 297 | I was violated as a child by a classmate and groped another time as an adult. The Verbal and emotional abuse were more prevelant. I was bullied at school for years.  | May 31, 2012 8:07 AM  |
| 298 | we overheard a school aide stating that "children like this should not be allowed to be in school"  | May 31, 2012 5:16 AM  |
| 299 | I beleive this question is intended to be directed towards my family member who has a disability (which no they have never been abused). I have been sexually assaulted in my past. Confusing way to question this. I plan to answer the rest of my questions geared towards my answer in regards to my two nephews, who are disabled.  | May 31, 2012 4:07 AM  |
| 300 | Bullying at school.   | May 30, 2012 7:19 PM  |
| 301 | The chiropractor that victim witness sent me to for treatment sexually abused me and I told the DA... This Robert Spivey chiropractor treated me from the serial rapist attack in 1985 for several months knowing what my injury was from.... Yet NO ONE HELPED ME FROM THE DA office I was in shock, my husband confronted this guy... Then my husband left me.  | May 30, 2012 3:01 PM  |
| 302 | for many years I was physical and sexual abused at the hands of my stepbrothers as a child I was also verbal and emotional abused, the worst was being neglect.   | May 30, 2012 1:09 PM  |
| 303 | BULLYING BY PEERS. PHYSICAL ABUSE BY TEACHER  | May 30, 2012 12:27 PM |
| 304 | Not given meds, meds not ordered, Seizures/staus epilepticus OFTEN allowed to go on for 29 minutes and staff resued to call paramedics because they didn't like to go sit at hospital and wait.Theft of personal belongings, refusal of medical care, lies in medical records, lies, cover ups by professionals/police/APS/DDD/Group Home/ALL AZ state agencies/ No programs/funding/teaching for families, caregivers, police about / for Wanderers  | May 30, 2012 9:11 AM  |
| 305 | Legal abuse. I was repeatedly denied equal paticipatory and testimonial acess. The fact that I was on medication due to the 12 years of litigation was also used against me. I feel that there was much financial abuse on the the part of the legal system. I went through a bankruptcy and was forced to pay lawyers and therapists and the court. Then I was accused of being a bad mother because my children complained that they did not have enough food in the house. I paid over 100,000\$, not inculding the 20,000\$ I lost when I had to sell my home to pay a lawyer who threaten to sue me. I think one of the greatest things we are lacking in our educational system is not teaching our children the laws which control our lives. Because of this many many people especially those with disabilities will continue to be horribly abused. | May 30, 2012 8:21 AM  |
| 306 | being yelled at and being forced to run until I can outrun the person telling me to run. I had my ass beaten with a belt and slapped in the face for talking to myself  | May 29, 2012 7:54 PM  |

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|     | and spinning in circles something I got in trouble at school for doing.  |                       |
| 307 | Someone in her nursing home stole her checks and drained her bank account.   | May 29, 2012 4:58 PM  |
| 308 | A lot of bullying from peers as I was growing up, left poor self image as a psychiatric imprint. Some of it was due to not hearing, responding correctly.  | May 29, 2012 10:20 AM |
| 309 | The teacher my son had the first year of high school refused to take him to the rest room. Then when he had an accident they verbally abused him. They also left him sit for long periods of time before changing him.   | May 29, 2012 7:11 AM  |
| 310 | Do not always have access to clear communication at work, no text available on the internet, etc. Always the last to get information. Do not know if its a case of neglect??   | May 28, 2012 9:31 AM  |
| 311 | More so in the form of bullying in the school setting.   | May 25, 2012 2:27 PM  |
| 312 | Bullied at school, name calling  | May 25, 2012 8:38 AM  |
| 313 | I have experienced abuse - sexual, which contributed to my disability, which is mental emotional - but I am answering the survey as the wife of someone who is disabled, and my husband has not experienced abuse.   | May 25, 2012 8:12 AM  |
| 314 | Once people realize I have schizophrenia they do all sorts of things that makes my illness worse and then say I am just imagining it.  | May 24, 2012 6:27 PM  |
| 315 | A assistant that was working at local school,had locked my daughter in a small room,due to other kids making fun of her and because my daughter could not speak,the abuse was done to her  | May 24, 2012 4:47 PM  |
| 316 | I do not know the complete extent to which physical, sexual or financial abuse has occurred for my immediate family member.  | May 24, 2012 10:50 AM |
| 317 | teasing, bullying  | May 24, 2012 10:34 AM |
| 318 | Job refusal due to conceived 'inability to climb stairs or walk hallways' as other employees the hire.   | May 24, 2012 8:23 AM  |
| 319 | misunderstanding, our family has been reported to CPS twice for neglectful supervision of a child, the school refused to provide services for two years, misdiagnosis of the child   | May 24, 2012 5:59 AM  |
| 320 | serious allergies in school, enough to be life-threatening, PE coaches forcing one with asthma to run causing breathing difficulties, serious asthmatics who miss a lot of school to have parent go to court because of truancy issues even though in Special Ed and having a 504 Plan | May 24, 2012 2:27 AM  |
| 321 | Ignored by other children and treated with fear by adults. Mostly, my two children have not been treated as equals by peers or adults. I am very blessed when someone DOES treat my children with equality.  | May 23, 2012 8:58 PM  |
| 322 | Teasing, pranks played on them, being left out of activities because they don't understand what is going on Financial -- girlfriend taking control of his earnings   | May 23, 2012 1:40 PM  |

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| 323 | theft of medicine and things   | May 23, 2012 12:42 PM |
| 324 | not sure as it was speculated based on inappropriate comments overheard and reported to my child's grandmother   | May 23, 2012 12:20 PM |
| 325 | Sexually molested by her father; Aggressively handled and squirted with a squirt gun by teachers and classroom aides; Taunted, and made fun of by familiar and non-familiar people in private and public; Neglected to be included with other family members' plans, Neglected by Society, in general. | May 23, 2012 12:00 PM |
| 326 | bullying   | May 23, 2012 11:39 AM |
| 327 | bullying at school by adults and students  | May 23, 2012 10:25 AM |
| 328 | from teachers  | May 23, 2012 9:39 AM  |
| 329 | Legal Abuse  | May 23, 2012 9:19 AM  |
| 330 | My experience is the authoritative abuse even though, I earned higher degrees and yet am not well respected in the hearing family.   | May 23, 2012 8:42 AM  |
| 331 | isolation and humiliation in the community such as school, school buses, girl scouts, 4H, summer camps,  | May 23, 2012 8:16 AM  |
| 332 | Failure of Gov. agency representatives to advise parents of their rights and give full disclosure both verbally and in writing of the client's right to choose services and providers; failure to adequately inform non-English speaking families of their rights and due process.                     | May 23, 2012 7:55 AM  |
| 333 | My daughter with special needs was adopted from the foster care system. She was the recipient of abuse from her birth mother.  | May 23, 2012 5:26 AM  |
| 334 | My family member has been treated unfairly and rudely, but not abused in the typical sense.  | May 22, 2012 7:54 PM  |
| 335 | Much of the abuse happened in a hospital setting or at public school. Other abuse happened at a relative's house where supervision was absent.   | May 22, 2012 12:13 PM |
| 336 | Audism - being looked down for not being able to communicate as the typical hearing person with spoken language or function in the society just like another hearing person.   | May 22, 2012 12:05 PM |
| 337 | Oppression   | May 22, 2012 11:48 AM |
| 338 | negligence of medical, social service and insurance institutions   | May 22, 2012 9:17 AM  |
| 339 | communication abuse  | May 22, 2012 9:15 AM  |
| 340 | My mom's experience (Long time ago)  | May 22, 2012 7:57 AM  |
| 341 | verball suggestions were made to her at school reported to school authorities  | May 22, 2012 7:12 AM  |
| 342 | School system that was unwilling to assist with learning accomidations until legal action was taken and then they were mandated to provide the necessary   | May 22, 2012 5:30 AM  |

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| 343 | We are not allowed to date hearing people. Jehovah's Witnesses abuses Deaf people. Discourages them from dating hearing people. Think of it as a religious abuse and disfranchisement  | May 21, 2012 9:33 PM  |
| 344 | My daughter was abused for speaking up for her self. It took us for ever to get her over it. It still upset her to talk about it.  | May 21, 2012 1:18 PM  |
| 345 | Psychological  | May 21, 2012 11:54 AM |
| 346 | Homeowner Association Board abuse  | May 21, 2012 9:41 AM  |
| 347 | i was put in a mental ward when all i sai was i was going through some what of a depression duting my depression at that time 2 days later the doctors and physcoligist realized realized i did not belong there.  | May 21, 2012 9:17 AM  |
| 348 | Perhaps some very limited verbal or emotional abuse may have occurred, but that I am not sure he would ever really be aware of or affected by in any way. I am always vigilant and concerned because of my child's degree of vulnerability...and same for the others that I provide care for. The fact is that, for now still at a young age, my child is so well supervised by those that are trusted that it is hard for him to be a position where abuse is likely to occur and I fear for what may happen, given his greater degree of independence that will be inevitable in the future. | May 21, 2012 6:31 AM  |
| 349 | Legal Abuse The next question needs another Other box. The "Proper authorities" are the ones doing the abuse. So no one to report to.  | May 21, 2012 4:30 AM  |
| 350 | SEXUAL HARASSMENT by neighbor and former board member, too. Emotional, terrible, inc. death threats, property damages, ongoing, thugging, harassment, malicious harassment, fraudukent, slapp lawsuit to get rid of disabled people and steal homes...   | May 20, 2012 10:00 AM |
| 351 | Abuse at the hands of the family court who failed to protect all of the above. My disability was caused by these events and those family members were protected by the court.  | May 19, 2012 12:04 PM |
| 352 | Over the years, my 17 year old daughter has experienced verbal abuse & punishing from teachers in the form of withholding gym class & other enjoyable school activities as a result of my strong advocating on her behalf & her being generally misunderstood through some of her actions & "peculiar" behaviors. The biggest misunderstanding for kids like my daughter who are on the spectrum & appear "typical" looking is just that...theirs is a hidden disability because they don't appear any different.  | May 19, 2012 7:09 AM  |
| 353 | in school  | May 19, 2012 6:47 AM  |
| 354 | Limited educational opportunities  | May 18, 2012 3:14 PM  |
| 355 | employers and the public.  | May 18, 2012 12:27 PM |
| 356 | Employment discrimination  | May 18, 2012 10:59 AM |

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| 357 | Although my daughter has not experienced abuse that would qualify as a crime, she has been made fun of and teased by other kids, which is heartbreaking   | May 18, 2012 10:11 AM |
| 358 | also hate crime by my daughter's foster parents   | May 18, 2012 10:04 AM |
| 359 | Overuse of restraining devices in schools that were actually against state policy.  | May 18, 2012 8:11 AM  |
| 360 | my son was restrained in preschool  | May 18, 2012 7:48 AM  |
| 361 | In a hospital, my relative was not given care that he needed due to his advanced age. This resulted in reduced functioning.   | May 18, 2012 7:08 AM  |
| 362 | He was used by group home staff to return stolen goods to stores and would leave the rest of the consumers in the vehicle alone   | May 18, 2012 5:27 AM  |
| 363 | stalking  | May 18, 2012 5:23 AM  |
| 364 | My child was bullied by the adults at his school.   | May 18, 2012 3:31 AM  |
| 365 | bullying and intimidating actions that isolated me further  | May 17, 2012 8:20 PM  |
| 366 | My child has dyslexia, dysgraphia, adhd, anxiety and depression. Throughout his time in the public school system he has encountered both teachers and students who have ridiculed or demeaned him publicly.   | May 17, 2012 2:54 PM  |
| 367 | Question 7 should have more choices - i.e. "I don't know", "I believe so", "I don't believe so" for those answering as a family member whose disabled loved one is unable to communicate well. I am pretty sure that my (step)son has experienced at least some level of verbal/emotional abuse. I also heard from his siblings and biological mother about some low-level sexual abuse by a disabled peer... | May 17, 2012 2:32 PM  |
| 368 | Special Ed class and day care facilities  | May 17, 2012 2:17 PM  |
| 369 | The facility and caregiver killed my brother. They stuck him in his hot bedroom and he died of hypothermia. The medicine he took inhibited his bodies ability regulate his body temperature.  | May 17, 2012 1:25 PM  |
| 370 | Fairness (or rather unfairness) Teacher discriminating against student sadly!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  | May 17, 2012 1:23 PM  |
| 371 | Don't know about the sexual abuse while my family member lived in a group home in another state for 20 yrs, but we suspect it at some point in his life there. As far as the physical abuse, that we know of and reported it immediately.   | May 17, 2012 1:17 PM  |
| 372 | Bullying at school  | May 17, 2012 12:19 PM |
| 373 | lack of proper education facilities.and no community education on disabilities.   | May 17, 2012 12:13 PM |
| 374 | High rate of abuse will continue if we do not stop creating living environments where abusers can get away with abuse.  | May 17, 2012 11:04 AM |
| 375 | I do not know if my family member has experienced other types of abuse because he is non-verbal and has very limited expressive ability. We suspect physical abuse or further neglect because there were regularly unexplained  | May 17, 2012 8:55 AM  |

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|     | bruises, scrapes, etc.   |                      |
| 376 | This should Be Agenience The Law! I Was Put Into A Retirement Who Refuse To Feed,Made Very Uneasy To Cope & Live There   | May 17, 2012 7:53 AM |
| 377 | someone checked to see if my son could feel hurt like other people by burning him with a cigarette, another person stuck him with a safety pin   | May 16, 2012 7:59 PM |
| 378 | Emotional abuse  | May 16, 2012 7:11 PM |
| 379 | I was school bus passenger and the driver did not use appropriate gesture toward me.   | May 16, 2012 6:55 PM |
| 380 | Family member has a guardian. Various complaints have been filed against the guardian (through the court system). Complaints were either not investigated and/or not thorough.   | May 16, 2012 5:57 PM |
| 381 | I don't know if this is considered abuse by the general public, but to me using the "R" word casually is abuse. Especially when my daughter and I are in hearing range of it...Is it really necessary.   | May 16, 2012 4:09 PM |
| 382 | Gender discrimination; discrimination b/c I didn't "look" disabled; overly medicated; and my therapist nearly went to jail for trying to kill me; incompetent treatment and this is a subset of abuse... if we say no to the lesser incidents we can stop the bigger atrocities. I was lucky to have my mother as my c/g who stopped it before getting out of hand. I wasn't alone.  | May 16, 2012 3:48 PM |
| 383 | She had two fingers broken by a staff member while showering in a state facility for persons with developmental disabilities.  | May 16, 2012 2:57 PM |
| 384 | Bully  | May 16, 2012 2:50 PM |
| 385 | unsure exactly (alleged)   | May 16, 2012 2:42 PM |
| 386 | I was bullied and stalked by another tenant in public housing for the elderly and disabled. The man who bullied and stalked me, has an extensive criminal arrest record, including for violent crime. The housing authority not only refused to deal with the bullying and stalking, even after seeing it on security video, they covered up for it. They allowed the footage to be recorded over and made excuses for this man. I had to leave and am now facing homelessness, as it takes a long time to get into other public housing. HUD wasn't helpful to me when I turned to them for assistance, either.   | May 16, 2012 2:06 PM |
| 387 | I have experienced abuse from several different people since I was first disabled by and accident. Despite brain damage, spinal nerve damage, muscle spasms, arthritis and depression, I got out of a wheelchair and started my life again, only to be emotionally and physically abused by my roommate, who woke me up one night and threw me into a flight of stairs, causing fractures, muscle damage, and new spine damage (I should clarify that I am a woman, and it was a man attacking me). He even knew of my disability. He's been arrested and found guilty, but I was not able to pursue the full legal ramifications he deserved because I was so injured and my disability was made worse. Please consider how much disability can affect a person's ability to participate in the legal | May 16, 2012 1:55 PM |

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process and how many of us do not get fair justice because we can't necessarily handle they physically and emotionally exhausting legal process, even with the help of an advocate (they just push you to settle to end it).

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| 388 | my brother was in a state facility for 46 years before placement in a 4-patient home--during the early years at the facility, we would observe bruises, abrasions, unexplained sores that were not in his experience when living at home. He has always been unable to verbalize or to explain any possible discomfort, needs, desires or unkindness.  | May 16, 2012 12:27 PM |
| 389 | this happens mainly in school until the age of 13-14   | May 16, 2012 8:33 AM  |
| 390 | A few teachers in school said things that were cruel etc. ex: you are stupid   | May 16, 2012 3:32 AM  |
| 391 | negative encounters with security and police   | May 15, 2012 9:46 PM  |
| 392 | Mother was negligent - neglect. I was raped, robbed 3 times, slapped, emotional abused with low self esteem.   | May 15, 2012 3:50 PM  |
| 393 | My Father-in-law experienced this with his daughter. His son (my husband had to hire legal assistance as he had been put in the dark, with Dm Type II with someone else's clothes and had his money taken. Nothing was done to her and the bank knew about it. I also had reported this to Medi-cal.   | May 15, 2012 3:06 PM  |
| 394 | I am adopting a 12 year old girl from state care who was removed from her biological parental home for all types of abuse & neglect; she also experience verbal abuse in numerous foster care and residential placements.  | May 15, 2012 10:52 AM |
| 395 | I was thinking-feeling somebody kissed my son in one not aproiate form, at school. Just one person who braugh Him to toilet. I will like to recomend, that special need children, with mental retardation or develeotmentat delay, do not be brought to bathroom alone, means, 2 adult person have to come. Because person who like to abuse, like to be alone with children. So, for those children who can not say what is happen, I recomended, 2 adult person bring the children to bathroom. Be sure to put 2 person that are very different, and not too friends as to be in silence if one of them do something not good to the children.   | May 15, 2012 5:23 AM  |
| 396 | My child's school caregivers are often neglectful in supervising him and when an incident does occur, often due to a lack of supervision, my child has described has said to him, and it's clearly abusive. On 1 occasion last year and 5 occasions this year, he's been exposed to the kind of forceful, rough handling that should never be used on a small (50 pound) child: being carried upside by his legs, with his head near the concrete floor; having his legs pulled on when climbing playground equipment so that he's parallel to the ground and in danger of falling; being dragged by his legs). He's also reported that his wrists have been grabbed and that his arms have been twisted on several occasions. | May 15, 2012 4:29 AM  |
| 397 | She has been bullied at school for being different and not having the ability to know her social cues.   | May 15, 2012 3:30 AM  |
| 398 | Physical abuse was from a school teacher in middle school.   | May 14, 2012 6:19 PM  |
| 399 | Much of the abuse was "medical" abuse. Seclusion, restraint, threats to custody,   | May 14, 2012 3:45 PM  |

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|     | forced medication. Currently have kidney disease from enforced and coerced psych drugs.  |                       |
| 400 | Not that we are aware of. Our son would not be able to communicate abuse if it occurred, but we do not believe he has ever been abused.  | May 14, 2012 3:30 PM  |
| 401 | When my daughter was in elementary school, at a private school for children with learning disabilities, one of her teachers pulled her hair and yelled at her to pay attention.  | May 14, 2012 2:22 PM  |
| 402 | Abuse by teachers and mental health workers - they would not believe his diagnosis, put expectations on my child that he could not achieve and accused me of being an over-involved mother.  | May 14, 2012 1:26 PM  |
| 403 | By teachers and administrators at school, as well as by peers. I think children learn that bullying some children is okay by witnessing the actions of their teachers.   | May 14, 2012 12:13 PM |
| 404 | My daughter came home with a bruise on her arm from school   | May 14, 2012 10:54 AM |
| 405 | Although my son hasn't experienced direct abuse, attitudes in society that result in people staring or asking rude questions affect quality of life. We as a society have an incredibly intolerant, ignorant and unhealthy view of disability.   | May 14, 2012 8:59 AM  |
| 406 | Personal Care Assistant would leave my daughter unattended when she required to be assisted walking down stairs or would be preoccupied with her own personal matters. It was during a conversation with her that she let it slip that my daughter was on the second floor our home (she was under hospice care and was unsteady on her feet). There were several instances of lack of judgment but I would meet with the PCA to review what needed to be done, the PCA was terminated after the incident described above.   | May 14, 2012 4:11 AM  |
| 407 | We met and adopted our daughter at the age of 6 months. She had been in the NICU for the first month and living with her birthmother and birth-grandmother for the 5 months following discharge. She was severely neglected during those 5 months. She was admitted into the hospital twice during those 5 months for failure-to-thrive. CPS was contacted after the. First FTV hospital admission, a caseworker was assigned, home health was supposed to do weekly checks and parent education, but someone dropped the ball. It was the birthmother who chose to place her daughter for adoption through a private adoption agency, she was probably afraid that the child would die if things continued as they were. Neither the adoption agency nor anyone else knew the true condition of this child until the birthmother placed her into our arms. She was dying of starvation and neglect. We spent the next 3 days with her in the hospital. That was nearly two years ago. She is now thriving with love, food, and the best possible care at home with our family. When | May 13, 2012 7:54 PM  |
| 408 | Religious belief that if I have more faith I will have my disability removed. Different "rules" in the workplace - that my disability makes me less competent or intelligent and have less ability to speak up about issues, show some types of emotions, to be given work projects that involve me as an expert over someone without a disabilities, or engage in natural conflict because it is always attributed to have been caused by me. Constant fear I might be fired or let go, even in   | May 13, 2012 6:22 AM  |

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|     | disability related organizations. That I cannot be a competent parent.   |                       |
| 409 | Also severe breaches of confidence, refusal of a sick-note (required for sickness benefits) unless I conformed with a treatment I had no means of accessing. Not sure that the latter qualifies as financial abuse, but it did leave me without an income or medical care for 9 months. Refusal of services. | May 13, 2012 4:06 AM  |
| 410 | The education and psychiatric system made it very difficult to. E a parent to a child with disabilities and the school is not trained or prepared to deal with children who need even the tiniest accommodations   | May 12, 2012 9:59 AM  |
| 411 | This question applies to my son who has been bullied in an out of school, and because of my disability and low income have been denied services to provide for my son  | May 12, 2012 5:16 AM  |
| 412 | Abuse at school where my child with a disability was prevented from seeing a counselor, prevented from going outside with the other kids, and ostracized. He was also bullied.   | May 11, 2012 9:11 PM  |
| 413 | Abuse by the legal system  | May 11, 2012 5:37 PM  |
| 414 | They all think they are all better than The person that has the disability   | May 11, 2012 12:25 PM |
| 415 | Teacher who would manhandle my son.  | May 11, 2012 12:17 PM |
| 416 | Experiences were never of the intensity to be considered abuse - but there has been harassment, bullying, discrimination   | May 11, 2012 9:50 AM  |
| 417 | the abuse happened before I developed my disability  | May 11, 2012 9:21 AM  |
| 418 | Difficulties with past management in the work place. Completely unsupported by Human Resources.  | May 11, 2012 8:39 AM  |
| 419 | Abuse is hard to define. By criminal definition, our family member has not been abused. However, abuse in the form of discrimination and lack of support according to the law there has been abuse. At this point in the survey, though, I will only consider the criminal definition.                       | May 11, 2012 8:07 AM  |
| 420 | Many people in shopping centres have little to no regard for someone in a wheel chair, even shouting at them to get out the way or trying to push the motorized chair into the shelving. As well as being shouted at with regards to the disabled parking bay.   | May 11, 2012 6:54 AM  |
| 421 | improper intervention used and suffer isolation(punitive)  | May 10, 2012 9:33 PM  |
| 422 | Murder. My wife Patricia drowned my 4 year old autistic boy Daniel Corby on March 31, 2012.  | May 10, 2012 4:40 PM  |
| 423 | Aide in the classroom hit her.   | May 10, 2012 3:46 PM  |
| 424 | Discrimination which I think is a form of such   | May 10, 2012 2:53 PM  |
| 425 | I had to move out more than once of whatever house I was in due to the fact that I had a seizure in front of people. Also I have had obnoxious things said to me   | May 10, 2012 9:46 AM  |

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|     | about my epilepsy. I generally, but not always, have an invisible disability.   |                      |
| 426 | Domestic Violence   | May 10, 2012 8:17 AM |
| 427 | I have no knowledge of sexual abuse, but I know it is possible since my son does not speak and has had great difficulty communicating about the obvious physical abuse he's suffered.   | May 10, 2012 8:04 AM |
| 428 | Being put on employment probation because an employer "claims" I cannot perform the essential functions of my job. Ultimately being let go after ongoing harrassment and erroneous charges. Lenghty write ups and being singled out ,screned, it just goes on and on. After loosing my job not being able to find anothe one for a year in a half. Hiring a discrimination lawyer and and incurring thousands of dollors of debt, only to find a job one in a half years later at half the salary. Being emotionally harrassed by written information that was totally untrue in an effort to develop a paper trail to justify "getting rid of me". | May 10, 2012 7:23 AM |
| 429 | during her last few years of high school, she's been out two years, she was often held to the ground by school staff. When she was much younger in school, one aide from the class reported that another aid would verbally abuse her and would allow her to wet on herself knowing she was fully capable to using a toliet appropriately but need assistance to get there.   | May 10, 2012 5:52 AM |
| 430 | whenmelled my family member was ambulatory he was made fun of and told by the transit bus driver to sit in the back of the bus. He was sprayed with a lysol type product and told he smelled and was teased.  | May 10, 2012 4:05 AM |
| 431 | my children are still very young  | May 10, 2012 3:35 AM |
| 432 | Worst physical abuse occurred with high school special education teacher who admitted to "teaching my son a lesson by hitting him and pulling his hair." Teacher said that since my son pulled another students hair, the teacher pulled my son's hair to show him what it felt like. Teacher admitted to hitting him and said he did it to teach him what it felt like. When I complained to special educational director, she simply said teacher was from the "old school" and was getting ready to retire and basically said not to make a formal complaint about it. This occured approximately 7 years ago.                                   | May 9, 2012 10:00 PM |
| 433 | My son lives in a group home. He has body checks done at school and body checks done at home. Bruises appear but he is an active boy . . . the bruises are sometimes consistent with abuse and sometimes not. Has he been abused? He can't tell me.   | May 9, 2012 6:51 PM  |
| 434 | A nurse caring for my son turned off his communication device because it annoyed her. A second nurse would raise her voice at my son when he didn't do what she wanted him to do. She threatened him with "If you don't do ....., Mr. Larry (her husband) won't love you any more."   | May 9, 2012 5:31 PM  |
| 435 | Societal abuse; loss of access to short term disability insurance, invisible on 'disability' surveys, not allowed to access HUD based housing, etc.   | May 9, 2012 2:44 PM  |
| 436 | Because of the limited mobility issues, there were times when my daughter was expected to hurry up, walk faster and penalized when she couldn't move quickly  | May 9, 2012 11:34 AM |

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|     | and this included harsh words, name calling from staff and teachers which caused her to suffer emotionally  |                      |
| 437 | Possibly sexual abuse. A staff person who worked with my son was accused of sexually abusing another client but they could never determine if he abused my son. My son is non-verbal!   | May 9, 2012 9:30 AM  |
| 438 | none, I just work in the field but happen to have a son with dyslexia.  | May 9, 2012 9:10 AM  |
| 439 | Bullying at school  | May 9, 2012 9:03 AM  |
| 440 | medical neglect- caregiver not appropriately tracking medications lack of attention/affection- restraint/seclusion verbal abuse at school- "you are nasty. Go. I don't want to look at you"   | May 9, 2012 6:44 AM  |
| 441 | Actually the abuse was when he was small, so it's unrelated to the disability. He's well loved and cared for now.   | May 9, 2012 6:34 AM  |
| 442 | Abused by student loan provider Sallie Mae.   | May 9, 2012 6:22 AM  |
| 443 | Locked seclusion  | May 9, 2012 6:02 AM  |
| 444 | My daughter was physically abused by her aide when she was in second grade. She had to spend 3 years in a school day psychiatric program after that. She has also been verbally terrorized, taunted and physically abused by peers on her school bus. (One of the peers was 18). She is now 15, and it's been nearly a year since the abuse on the bus, but it's still very hard to get her to leave the house. She no longer has many interests. | May 9, 2012 6:00 AM  |
| 445 | Discrimination  | May 9, 2012 5:44 AM  |
| 446 | Self neglect  | May 9, 2012 5:37 AM  |
| 447 | Not so much abuse, but discrimination when applying for a job. I have learned that I can not disclose this fact because of discrimination.  | May 9, 2012 4:44 AM  |
| 448 | I found my mother bruised in a long term disability and nobody could explain what really happened and where or when it happened. She was not supposed to have been left alone when going to the bathroom.   | May 9, 2012 4:04 AM  |
| 449 | substance use coercion  | May 8, 2012 6:39 PM  |
| 450 | teasing/bullying at school and in Boy Scout Troop   | May 8, 2012 6:21 PM  |
| 451 | Spiritual abuse - being urged to pray against my will by a nurse  | May 8, 2012 4:17 PM  |
| 452 | Emotional and verbal because our daughter's school REFUSED to acknowledge our daughter's fully diagnosed Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Bipolar diagnoses for 5 years of her education. We finally hired an attorney and, wonder of wonders, she suddenly qualified for Special Ed.   | May 8, 2012 2:32 PM  |
| 453 | This did not happen to me or my family members, but the abuse happened to a family I work with. County personnel have verbally and emotionally abused this family due to their diagnosis of MR.   | May 8, 2012 12:48 PM |

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| 454 | In school untoward touching by a male, daily touchy-feely of hair, shoulders<br>Reported to school teacher then administration  | May 8, 2012 12:34 PM |
| 455 | Victim of legal system. As an adult who is high-functioning and does not have a formal diagnosis it has been very difficult to to educate the lawyer and the Crown. My daughter was not even involved in the crime but hung out with the co-accused and had to pay restitution, do community service and take useless counseling. We did achieve no record which is at least something.   | May 8, 2012 12:23 PM |
| 456 | Childhood bullying  | May 8, 2012 10:47 AM |
| 457 | I believe that my son was abused by a teacher when he was very young. She insisted on handling diapers in a closed room and he became very agitated at diaper changes (for about 2 years following her "care"). I can't prove anything, though. I did observe her emotionally and verbally abuse other students in the classroom, however.  | May 8, 2012 10:43 AM |
| 458 | secluded, restrained, excluded, bruised, abused at school   | May 8, 2012 10:37 AM |
| 459 | Finacial Abuse from her Residential Manager within the Non-Profit Residential Home. Verbal Abuse from direct care staff and educational support staff not having proper training to work with individuals with a disability especially Autism.  | May 8, 2012 10:36 AM |
| 460 | my adopted sister was abused by her father and brother  | May 8, 2012 9:42 AM  |
| 461 | Teacher hit my son's head but the school didn't do anything.  | May 8, 2012 9:35 AM  |
| 462 | My daughter's chest was touched inappropriately by another student with a disability when she was in school. She came home with a ripped t-shirt from the bus...we don't know what happened.  | May 8, 2012 9:11 AM  |
| 463 | The cerebral palsy and fetal alcohol spectrum disorder are in adopted children in my family. They were severely neglected.  | May 8, 2012 8:56 AM  |
| 464 | I didn't know what her disability was until she was in her 40's. Deletion 22q was not discovered until the late 1970's or early 1980's. My daughter was born in 1959. She was married in her 20's and was under her husband's control. He did not want to have anything to do with our family so it was hard to have any influence over her. She had five children, two of which died -- one was a stillborn and the other died at six weeks. With this disability, if a parent has it, they have a 50% chance of passing it on to their offspring. If a parent does not have the disability and has a child with Deletion 22q it is called a de novo event and only happens in 2% of cases which is what my daughter and I fall under. | May 8, 2012 8:55 AM  |
| 465 | My daughter is only in third grade, I'm afraid that the abuse will escalate to physical abuse.  | May 8, 2012 8:47 AM  |
| 466 | bullying at school  | May 8, 2012 8:45 AM  |
| 467 | my disabled ward, now a teen, has had no friends, little support, just me dealing with bureaucracy and jumping through numerous agencies hoops. she was told in kinder she wasn't acting like a kindergartener, was restrained by untrained aide, & isolated in the auditorium, hallway, sent to principal when intellectually  | May 8, 2012 8:21 AM  |

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|     | disabled, etc, nothing overt or illegal. i am not disabled but was molested as a teen.   |                     |
| 468 | Sexual abuse is not confirmed but suspected. My son, who has autism and learning disabilities has been abused so extensively at the hands of credentialed professionals that it would be impossible relate in entirety here. The most severe (in my opinion) was being put in a choke hold by a Teacher Assistant (TA) in public school. Others include being forcibly injected with Zyprexa in a hospital setting when a cool head on the part of the Occupational Therapist would certainly have sufficient. In my case (living with chronic PTSD, I have sought help for almost twenty years, and was misdiagnosed until recently), I took a medical leave of absence from my position (working for a Health Authority) and had my position made redundant in my absence; they simultaneously created an identical position and filled it with a person with virtually identical qualifications. Prior to the leave of absence, I endured mobbing (adult bullying and ostracism) and exploitation (forced to work 16-20 hours daily; requests for additional human resources were met with criticism. | May 8, 2012 6:24 AM |
| 469 | Abuse by the system, more specifically the police  | May 8, 2012 5:55 AM |
| 470 | I don't look like I have a disability. Am frequently challenged on my right to park in disabled parking.   | May 8, 2012 5:05 AM |
| 471 | My son has been sexually abused by other disabled adults in sheltered workshops, by others without disability issues   | May 8, 2012 1:35 AM |
| 472 | Abuse happened at school.  | May 7, 2012 5:48 PM |
| 473 | He does not talk but if he does not want to go to a place or be with someone's have to suspect abuse   | May 7, 2012 5:39 PM |
| 474 | Emotional abuse by not supporting her when in group home and did not provide the necessary supports  | May 7, 2012 3:26 PM |
| 475 | Because of my processing disability, I was unable to understand the hidden motives of the people with authority who were lying to us regarding their attack on us in which they took the 6 prenatally alcohol exposed children that we were adopting. They were in denial that our children (2 Dxed at UCLA with FASDs, one FAS, one ARND) had problems. After they were taken from us most were dx with FASDs and the oldest child in one sibling group has been in over 32 group homes and other facilities in at least 2 states, but they are still denying his requests to come home and our requests to bring him home. This is truly a case of abuse by a government agency.   | May 7, 2012 3:19 PM |
| 476 | My husband for years had undiagnosed Bi-Polar so I was the recipient of his anger periods.   | May 7, 2012 3:17 PM |
| 477 | Repeated victim of theft, bank card fraud, sexual exploitation. there was one incident of sexual assault/rape.   | May 7, 2012 3:05 PM |
| 478 | from my employer   | May 7, 2012 2:54 PM |
| 479 | Adoptive father emotionally abusive. Actually child endangerment, too  | May 7, 2012 2:42 PM |

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| 480 | my son was abused at Bancroft Neurohealth he was hit on the head with a wooden spoon, and a kitchen utensil was used to apply hemorrhoid cream to my son's rectum. I was told that nothing could be unsubstantiated.   | May 7, 2012 2:34 PM  |
| 481 | My adopted children with FASD and developmental delays have experienced abuse in their first home.   | May 7, 2012 1:09 PM  |
| 482 | we adopted this son from social services after 5 years in the system with his brother  | May 7, 2012 12:34 PM |
| 483 | Verbal and emotional abuse by parents and teachers and peers due to not understanding that child's behaviors were a result of hidden (invisible) physical disability. Abuse may be too extreme a term in our case, but unrealistic expectations of child caused much anguish for the child with FASD. Child definitely experienced bullying. | May 7, 2012 12:18 PM |
| 484 | I do think that some school teachers were especially mean to my son because they didn't understand how his limitations   | May 7, 2012 11:41 AM |
| 485 | family member, not myself. I have experienced abuse but not related to my disability   | May 7, 2012 11:28 AM |
| 486 | Physical abuse, Sexual abuse, verbal abuse, Even his sign language teacher refused to accept that he had very poor short term memory and found it difficult to remember the signs from start to finish.  | May 7, 2012 11:26 AM |
| 487 | I'm not talking about what would be considered normal abuse, But neglect due to lack of services requested by the family to provide help in caring for 3 disabled family members in the home.  | May 7, 2012 11:25 AM |
| 488 | Because my family member can not speak and has very limited abilities I can not actually be sure he has never been abused.   | May 7, 2012 10:41 AM |
| 489 | Verbal and Treatment Abuse by a Medical Doctor; Witnessed abuse and reported it; Being excluded or patronized by mental health services Planners, ... (Arbitrary & Capricious Abuse of Administrative Authority- I & others won the lawsuit)   | May 7, 2012 10:29 AM |
| 490 | Abused by employers and coworkers Schaffer Mulch and Bus out of Westminster Maryland and Melwood out of Upper Marlboro and Jos A. Banks out of Hampstead Maryland  | May 7, 2012 9:48 AM  |
| 491 | Bullying in school setting   | May 7, 2012 9:41 AM  |
| 492 | bullying   | May 7, 2012 9:33 AM  |
| 493 | Bullying.  | May 7, 2012 7:07 AM  |
| 494 | denied access to public places, told I get special privileges, individuals who make judgements about cause of disability (" he's a fool, couldn't happen to me" )  | May 7, 2012 7:02 AM  |
| 495 | My son who is non-verbal and autistic was restrained in a prone position on a daily basis because he would stop walking into school. This happened in front of the entire school and no one did anything to stop it. He received emotional   | May 7, 2012 5:28 AM  |

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trauma and a torn tendon in his shoulder as a result. The school psychologist, behavior specialist and physical therapist all admitted to placing him in danger of positional asphyxia and never notified us that they were doing this to him from 9/7/11 to 10/14/11 when I witnessed it. Our county's state attorney refused to press charges against this group of people because they claimed the school did not "intend to harm" him.

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I'm my own guardian but I feel like I'm being mistreated at Excel. I feel like they are taking advantage of me because of my Cerebral Palsy. I do not suffer from any mental disability, only physical. I know I can be emotional and that can get in the way sometimes but I have learned over the years to better control my emotions. I don't feel that Excel and their staff understand that my disability is only physical, because they treat me as if I am like my housemates. Excel will also go behind my back to talk to my mom even though I am my own guardian and on my way to becoming an independent adult. Of course I understand there are house rules placed and enforced and I respect that, but I also feel that the staff and house manager make up rules at times that are convenient for them. Here is an example of what I mean: • They try telling me when I should go to sleep and when I should be getting up. What they don't understand is I am a student, and I work on homework at night. They should respect the times I would like to sleep. Staff has asked me to compromise, with setting a wake-up time at 1:30pm but sometimes I don't go to sleep until 7 or 8am because of technical issues with my homework. People with C.P., like myself, have been known to have sleep disorders. Personally I cannot shut my eyes until I am drained. Also it is hard for me to take medicine to help with this problem. I have been told there are rules about sleeping times but never given any proof. I am an adult but instead they make me feel like a child, but I am not a child and they are not my parents. My goal is to be strong enough to move out of the house and be more independent. This is hard to do when the staff refuses to help me reach my goals. My parents taught me to rely on myself and even though Excel provides staff members to help me I buy my own cleaning and food supplies. I have my own fridge and microwave, and am able to feed myself and give myself a drink with some help. If the staff were willing to help set up my food and my drinks to make it easier for me to take care of it myself, I would feel closer to my goal of being more independent but they don't. My mom had to hire 2 personal assistants because of my school needs and the staff's lack of help and interest in me. My mom is basically paying in order to have someone help me run errands. The staff members do not even treat my personal assistants properly. They will try to hand work off to them and expect my personal assistants to do it for them. I'm paying \$718 a month for a tiny room and part-time help, and then I have to add on grocery bills because I don't like or trust the staff member's cooking. I don't trust staff to do most things for me. Everyone has told me that Excel is my best option but I feel that there is something better out there. I feel that Excel is just holding me back from gaining my independence and I feel they want me to act more disabled than I am to make their jobs easier! I feel my life should be separate from Excel. I often feel staff isn't adequately trained in first aid. In November 2010, I got frostbite on my hand, they just let me scream and cry instead of treating it. They told me it was my fault I got frostbite. Well people make mistakes; I didn't intentionally get frostbite. Everything I seem to say to a staff member gets twisted and put into a report. I feel this is wrong because there are always two sides and my side is not being heard. I know the staff members have to follow protocol, and AHS standards but I do not want nor feel that AHS has to hear about every little thing. I have had constant problems with one

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particular staff member. She has verbally abused me multiple times. I have reported it each time but when she is asked about the situation, she twists the story and I end up being the one at fault. This particular staff member was a best friend of the original house manager and you could tell there was favoritism because she always took the staff member's side without understanding my side. This staff member also accused my best friend of being a racist and the house manager had believed her. My best friend is not a racist but hates the way this staff member treats both of us (when she comes to visit). I always feel uncomfortable and worried when this staff member is working because of the way she verbally abuses me. She seems to only verbally abuse me when we are alone; when my parents come to visit she acts like we are friends and she babies me. She also makes up stories that are not true and puts them in official reports against me. This whole situation is hard because I don't have much proof about the way she acts against me. Another complaint I have is the original house manager came up with a rental contract for me to sign but she would not give a copy to my mom and I. Even after living here for almost 2 years. On May 27th 2011, my personal assistant and her friend demanded that the contract was copied and given to me. So staff then copied it in front of them and I received it. Why was it so hard to get the copy when my mom and I asked when it was so simple to do? The staff members complain about inappropriate subject matter to me including their job and medical problems. They also try to control me; for example telling me what I should and should not be wearing. Staff members are always trying to take me to the hospital for little things such as a cold which I think is stupid because where is the sense in wasting time and resources. Also my Mom explained to Excel that I was not to go to the hospital without my best friend or one of my personal aids. The OT and the Nurse are very similar and they want me to get rid of some of my furniture to make room for things like a lift, that my mom and I have said no to. When I was growing up I was treated normal, I didn't receive any special accommodations. I used my wheelchair, a computer chair, a walker, and my talker, and later on a bath and stair lift, as I had moved into a bigger house. While I attended school I received help from a teachers aide because my left arm does not work well. Also when I was at school I was able to walk to classes using my walker. I don't like to use my disability to get special treatment. It can be nice sometimes but I prefer to feel normal and feel more like myself. I really do want to be independent. My parents are getting older and if something were to happen to them I don't want my life placed into someone else's hands where they can make decisions on how I live. I hope Excel and the staff members will improve in their treatment because I cannot live this way any longer. On November 27th, 2009 a staff member made a false accusation about me, sitting in urine. She stated that the evening staff said that she wouldn't clean me up because she would be late for her bus. That evening I remember that at approximately 11 pm I was on Skype with my Mom because she was in Spruce Grove, there was no other incident on that night. A month before, I did have an accident and the same staff member was going to be late for her bus but she had already clocked out. She was the same staff member who protected me from another staff member verbal abusing me and gave me independence. Protection for Persons in Care came and I stated that I had asked daytime staff to help me use the toilet and was told the afternoon staff would come and help me. They promptly attended to me. There was no incident involving the night staff. In the same month, (November), I was sick and had diarrhea. That night I called evening staff. I had called staff to get my remote and get me changed because I had a sudden bowel movement resulting in my clothes being soiled. This was not the same staff as the night of the original

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incident on November 27th, 2009. She was busy upstairs helping another resident, the staff member gave me the remote and said that she would be back in five (5) minutes. I waited and waited and staff never did return. About one (1) hour later I decided to call the house again to alert staff but she did not return to my room. I was on MSN with my best friend, Tiffany, at the time and I asked my friend and her mom to come over and help, as I was getting worse. My friend arrived and staff answered the door, my friend rushed in my room and picked me up and toileted me. Staff didn't know what was going on and thought Tiffany was hurting me. Tiffany began to yell at staff for not taking me to the bathroom. Staff started to yell back saying she isn't allowed to transfer me and that I only asked for my remote to change the channel. Tiffany was just trying to act as advocate for me since I was so sick and staff was not attending to my needs. The situation proceeded into a yelling match and I started to yell and cry. The other staff member came down from upstairs to see what was going on. Tiffany's mom was trying to calm everyone down including me. I was very upset. My mom and the house manager were called in and it became a huge mess. In the end the staff member that was involved in the incident took two (2) weeks off, when she came back to work she apologized to Tiffany and myself. The incident was never reported to Protection for Persons in Care. On February 15, 2011, staff refused to take me to the bathroom and I had an accident as a result. Staff cleaned me and changed my clothes but did not clean the chair so my clean clothes got saturated in urine. Staff then proceeded to put me to bed with urine soaked clothes and I refused to go to sleep until they changed me into dry clothes. On March 12, 2011, I went to get a tattoo and came back around 10 pm. I decided to wait until the staff exchange at 11pm to go to the bathroom. The same staff from November 2009 was on shift. After that blowout we had become close. I called at 12:00 am and staff came to my room and I told her I needed to use the bathroom. She said she would be back in five (5) minutes. Staff was attending to a client upstairs in the house that is on oxygen 24 hrs a day. Client was unstable and the staff was told that she had to attend to her, as she was priority. I called the house phone approximately every hour after in total of five (5) times. At 5:30 am staff finally arrived, and entered my room. I was so tired that I decided to go to bed. I couldn't lie on my side because of the new tattoo so I didn't sleep well. I usually fall into a deep sleep and my bladder doesn't wake me up. So I thought I could hold until morning. March 13, 2011, I woke at 8:30 am with my pajamas soaked. I called staff to change me and was told that I had to wait until day staff arrived. Also staff advised me that she could not do my care as her shoulder hurt. Earlier, I told her that she couldn't transfer me by grabbing my shoulder because it was bandaged up so the tattoo would heal. She advised that it was the only way she could transfer me without hurting herself further. I tried telling her that I didn't care about her grabbing my shoulder at that point but without one of my communication aides (laptop, iPad or tray) it was hard to communicate to her. I needed to be changed and she didn't ask if I wanted one of my aides to communicate properly with her. Is this not one of the duties that staff are required to do no matter what? I did advise the staff, that morning that I would be getting a ride with my friend Michelle, as I was going home to Fox Creek. At 10am I called the house phone to help me with my care so that I was ready for when Michelle arrived. Staff did not attend to me. I started to panic because Michelle text me that she was on her way so I needed to get up and have my morning care done. Finally about thirty (30) minutes later staff arrived at my room and attended to me just in time. I spoke with Michelle about what had happened and she was even shocked without knowing anything about group homes. She told my mom and mom was so upset and angry. Mom phoned the

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House Manager and was told me that she would take care of it. When I returned back to the house, the house manager wanted to get the details of the above situation. She, in my opinion, ignored my responses to the questions and moved the discussion on to my sleeping habits in which is no way the issue, besides having C.P, I am a student and evenings is when I study. Besides what does it matter what I time I sleep at. I still need to be attended to, and the point is I am ignored of my needs, which need to be met. The House Manager then proceeded to tell me that I have bladder accident everyday, which is not true. She wanted me to go to bathroom when it was best for her but she isn't even the one taking me to the bathroom. With C.P it takes months to retrain my bladder. Should the House Manager not be concerned and knowledgeable about C.P since I am one of the clients in her house? You would think that being knowledgeable about C.P would be an asset with the House Manager and staff. The above mentioned is unacceptable, I am treated with little to no respect. I feel as I am treated as if I am mentally unstable. I am not mentally disabled; I am active twenty-three (23) year old who simply has physical disabilities. Would you call a Harvard student with B+ grades, mentally disabled? EPS File # 11-095991 Statement I hired Kim Ann Bridgen on May 18, 2011. After a few days of her working for me, I noticed the cash in my drawer started to go missing. I was not sure what happened to the money so I let it go. As the weeks went on, more and more money went missing. The last time cash went missing was on July 6, 2011. My other personal assistant Cara counted my cash that night because I asked her to. She said there was money missing because we ordered food the previous night and I told her to take cash out of my drawer to pay for it, so she saw how much money I had in my drawer. The last time Kim worked for me was the morning of July 6, 2011. The week before at the end of June I went on CIBC's online banking site to transfer my AISH money into my checking account but my AISH money was gone. Therefore, I checked my online bank statement to see if my mom had transferred it to her account to pay off my visa. My bank statement said on June 27 there were two withdrawals from my account, one was a withdrawal for \$100, and the other was a withdrawal for \$200. Then on June 28, there was another withdrawal for \$140. I never took that money out of my account. So not knowing I asked Kim to call CIBC on June 28 to report the incident. Kim told me the person on the phone said it was a system error and that it would be fixed by Monday. By July 6, I was getting frustrated because it was not fixed so I contacted CIBC. They said it was not a system error and that I should file a report and cancel my debit card. Therefore, I did what they told me. On July 7, I went to my bank with my personal assistant Cara to get a new debit card and to make a withdrawal from my chequing account. However, the money I thought I had was no longer there. I went home frustrated and confused to check my online bank statement again. Sure enough, there was another withdrawal, which was \$141.50 made on July 6. It must have happened that morning because I cancelled my debit card the afternoon of July 6. On July 8, I let Kim go out of suspicion. On Sunday night, July 17, at 3am I called Kim in because Cara was out of town and I had an emergency. The next day my mom got a letter from Kim with three notes inside. All of them said I gave her permission to withdraw money and had my signature on them but I never signed them. In addition, the dates on the notes do not match the actual withdrawal dates. My mom thought I had signed them and I told her I did not. My mom then scanned them and e-mailed them to me. Every few days, Kim texts me asking for money for the day I called her in after I fired her.

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I believe that my family member has been abused/exploited but she hasn't

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disclosed this information,

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| 498 | yes my grandchild suffer bullying and physical abuse and a lot of verbal abuse at school from teacher and other student inside and outside school yard in classroom and also been neglect in his education to the point being home school that my grandchild doesn t trust any teacher whatsoever try to go back to school this year and couldn t cope with what the teacher or teacher aide said will not talk to you through your hair how professional was that and there is a lot more vice principal head lock and there so so much more that it terrified this child to be able to go to school has been label to the point they were not able to give a grade how sick and petatic that was except one teacher and one grade in all in school days so far and he told us that could only learn with one teacherso far she understood because she herself have a child with the same dissability | May 6, 2012 2:47 PM  |
| 499 | Bullying at school   | May 6, 2012 2:20 PM  |
| 500 | Was in a hospital setting and was beaten. Another time a worker took him out and left him in a car by himself while she ate in a restaurant. I think the largest abuse comes from the State of NC with all the changes constant changing services. The state seems to be doing everything in their power to take services from people with disabilities. They want to shut down "good companies" with the "right sizing". They need to get their act together and start working for people with disabilities.  | May 6, 2012 1:23 PM  |
| 501 | Neglect due to the rigidity of many support programs.  | May 6, 2012 12:33 PM |
| 502 | You should have included "medical abuse." Many kids with disabilities are paraded naked or partially-clothed in front of many doctors, poked and prodded in ways that are very invasive, this in addition to procedures that are very painful and intrusive, and isolated from family and friends for long periods of time.  | May 6, 2012 7:45 AM  |
| 503 | My son was non verbal and while in nursery he got bruised by a grown hand all along his forearm. Needless to say I homeschool now. Even though his verbal skills have come into full bloom I still do not trust anyone to be alone with my son, ever.  | May 6, 2012 2:23 AM  |
| 504 | ABUSE BY THE STATE WHICH HAS BOARDS WHICH DO NOT ASSIST VICTIMS THAT HAVE BEEN ATTACKED BY PHYSICIANS. NO SANCTIONS FOR PHYSICIANS AND NO HELP BY LOCAL POLITICIANS.   | May 6, 2012 12:44 AM |
| 505 | Spiritual  | May 5, 2012 6:20 PM  |
| 506 | While enrolled in a public high school my child was yelled at, shaken and otherwise verbally abused by teachers and teachers aide as well as her 1:1 ....she was NOT the only child...I also saw such behavior directed to other students but nothing was done when I reported it. We withdrew our child from public school and now keep her at home.  | May 5, 2012 6:18 PM  |
| 507 | Not applicable   | May 5, 2012 4:57 PM  |
| 508 | This happened to me when I was very young.   | May 5, 2012 4:34 PM  |
| 509 | I have a journal online. I have used words like "psychosexual" and "abuse"   | May 5, 2012 4:20 PM  |

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|     | together there at least once.   |                      |
| 510 | I believe that I was neglected in a hospital while recuperating from surgery.   | May 4, 2012 8:51 PM  |
| 511 | My father was responsible, but they are divorced and she is in counseling. My mother insisted on not involving the police or anyone else.   | May 4, 2012 5:34 PM  |
| 512 | Sexual abuse = unwanted sexual contact with her able-bodied boyfriend (i.e. rape).  | May 4, 2012 2:38 PM  |
| 513 | Three separate abusive situations, each lasting several years.  | May 4, 2012 2:35 PM  |
| 514 | My son's father was neglectful of our son during our marriage. I could not leave his father alone with his son, although his father would skillfully deny that he was neglectful. One day he was watching our son in the pool, my daughter walked outside to find her brother face down in the pool while their father was drinking. He denied that any of it was true. There were other incidences. When the abuser can be very skillful and charming in the way he/she denies abuse the accuser is looked at like they are the one who is bad. It's a terrible thing. | May 4, 2012 2:05 PM  |
| 515 | I have experienced abuse that fit into all categories   | May 4, 2012 1:34 PM  |
| 516 | Bullying, Name calling Shoving and Pushing  | May 4, 2012 12:56 PM |
| 517 | and stalking  | May 4, 2012 11:41 AM |
| 518 | Abandonment by friends, family and doctors is worse than all the pain and disability.   | May 4, 2012 11:05 AM |
| 519 | The world and especially families that have been devided where a disabled individual is passed back and forth can, due to individual stressors, easily and without intention, be abusive especially where a special needs individual is involved. I am not certain anyone intentially sets out to abuse another.  | May 4, 2012 10:29 AM |
| 520 | molested and raped  | May 4, 2012 9:29 AM  |
| 521 | Isolation   | May 4, 2012 8:16 AM  |
| 522 | Really not certain if I have truly been a a victim of abuse, but there are times I feel what has happened might have been influence by my disability  | May 4, 2012 7:26 AM  |
| 523 | However my son's friends have stolen his video games and financially manipulated him by sticking him with the bill for food and movie snacks  | May 4, 2012 6:43 AM  |
| 524 | Some is confirmed and some is suspected.  | May 4, 2012 2:44 AM  |
| 525 | I was once stalked by someone for several weeks, and though I was able to stop this behavior before it crossed the line into sexual or physical abuse, it very easily could have.   | May 3, 2012 9:43 PM  |
| 526 | My daughter has been abused by the school staff by improperly restraining - having 3 adults hold her down on the floor removing her only form of communication (ASL)and making no attempt to calm her. This has been videotaped. Also, she was segregated from the rest of her peers and blocked  | May 3, 2012 2:55 PM  |

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|     | into a corner with filing cabinets.   |                      |
| 527 | Mental abuse  | May 3, 2012 1:16 PM  |
| 528 | .   | May 3, 2012 12:05 PM |
| 529 | Kidnapping  | May 3, 2012 10:57 AM |
| 530 | My grandson is only 8 years old   | May 3, 2012 9:33 AM  |
| 531 | I have never witnessed or heard about any abusive incidents; however, I am not with the child 24/7.   | May 3, 2012 9:25 AM  |
| 532 | abuse of looks or scorn by persons who are not familiar with disabilities. I'm sure that my son was subjected to abuse that I was not aware of when he was not with me.   | May 3, 2012 8:37 AM  |
| 533 | Bullying and playing on his gullibility & kindheartedness   | May 3, 2012 8:25 AM  |
| 534 | I have more awareness of victims with disabilities because I have children with disabilities. My awareness impacts my role as an advocate for victims of domestic violence, particularly disabled victims.  | May 3, 2012 8:09 AM  |
| 535 | in our case, the abuse was mostly from total ignorance of autism spectrum disorder which is commonly a disability that makes social connections very difficult.   | May 3, 2012 7:56 AM  |
| 536 | if the omission of services are considered abuse / lack of identification   | May 3, 2012 7:46 AM  |
| 537 | attempted sexual abuse, not successful  | May 3, 2012 7:15 AM  |
| 538 | The person wasn't believed to have a disability because with a TBI, at least in this case, there was nothing that could be seen. It is not like a broken arm in which you can see a cast. It is in behavior and response.   | May 3, 2012 7:09 AM  |
| 539 | **Medical neglect by the Veteran's Administration   | May 3, 2012 6:22 AM  |
| 540 | My sibling now has a fiduciary but, prior to that, was financially exploited both by strangers and by a caregiver. The neglect he experienced was due to the lack of resources available to assist him during psychotic phases of his illness.  | May 3, 2012 6:02 AM  |
| 541 | Immediate family member who was disabled and receiving care in a care facility died as a result of traumatic injuries found to be the result of negligence on the part of the facility and the direct negligent actions of an employee.   | May 3, 2012 5:16 AM  |
| 542 | I experienced sexual abuse as a child but that was before I became a wheelchair user.   | May 3, 2012 1:55 AM  |
| 543 | my son with autism and ptsd was also bullied from students and maltreated by staff at his special ed program. it is taking a year long investigation. i have appealed it 3 times. i even filed a complaint with the state, school and police. i feel ppl see less of me because i am a single disabled mom too. but we have rights. | May 2, 2012 7:15 PM  |

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| 544 | Theft by deception once the offenders realized a cognitive and intellectual issue existed.   | May 2, 2012 3:37 PM  |
| 545 | Rape   | May 2, 2012 3:23 PM  |
| 546 | Medical neglect in hospitals, nursing homes  | May 2, 2012 2:06 PM  |
| 547 | I HAD A BIGGOTED NEIGHBOR  | May 2, 2012 7:27 AM  |
| 548 | My grandson was physically and emotionally abused by a family member that was taking care of him. My daughter chose not to report (it happened in another state).  | May 2, 2012 6:43 AM  |
| 549 | This abuse occurred in a public school but could not be proven.  | May 2, 2012 6:41 AM  |
| 550 | These occurred when my child was with his birth family!  | May 2, 2012 6:16 AM  |
| 551 | One care provider fed only top ramen for dinner with the one. The other shared my brother's possession with all in the hospital.   | May 2, 2012 5:38 AM  |
| 552 | My daughter has a disability. I checked Yes because I think that some kinds of things that have happened to her could definitely be considered to be abusive (i.e. being treated differently, made fun of, left out, etc) However, I don't know of specific incidents, since she rarely talks about these things in this manner. | May 2, 2012 3:23 AM  |
| 553 | hard to categorize exactly, but abuse of seclusion room and restraints in public school, and principal who calls the police on a 7-year-old having a meltdown that was intensified by verbal threats about calling the police rather than appropriate response to me should be classified as abuse                               | May 2, 2012 2:53 AM  |
| 554 | unsure if physical abuse due 2 the family member not being fully able 2 talk about   | May 1, 2012 11:33 PM |
| 555 | medical neglect and abuse  | May 1, 2012 9:41 PM  |
| 556 | My now ex boyfriend raped me and beat me almost daily for 2 years, we broke up later.  | May 1, 2012 7:46 PM  |
| 557 | frequent change of scenery, family fudes, too much game and too much food of no nutritional value, chaos, neglect.   | May 1, 2012 7:26 PM  |
| 558 | This applies to the young girl who we have taken into our home. The abuse she suffered was at the hands of her parents, whom I also believe have Cognitive Impairments of their own.   | May 1, 2012 5:49 PM  |
| 559 | Abused by restraints in school   | May 1, 2012 5:31 PM  |
| 560 | staff member told me I WAS A RACEIST   | May 1, 2012 3:05 PM  |
| 561 | my adopted son. he was my nieces child.  | May 1, 2012 1:42 PM  |
| 562 | When my son was age 4 years-old, he signed to me that he had been choked by a parapro regarding going to the bathroom (or going in his pants). I had ignored, what I now know to be warning signs, when we saw the aide in the store, outside  | May 1, 2012 12:37 PM |

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|     | <p>of school hours, and my very friendly son would not even look up at her. (He is naturally friendly to even strangers.) At the time, I did not understand why he was acting that way and I got on to him, but later I found out. Not sure how much abused he had endured, but he had come home from Pre-K 4 with goose eggs on his head where they said he fell off a stage (very untypical) and no incident report was filed. Decided to withdraw him from school at that point. It was not reported because DFCS in that county had contacted us when we reported a girl scout leader for unprofessional conduct (she took retaliation) and we felt the school would surely do the same in this instance and later proved that school systems do retaliate when we filed a due process complaint against the school and they tried to say my son was truant and take us to court and he was not. We are not very trusting of any situation where gov't authority has to step in because generally nothing is done against the teachers/school (from what we have experienced).</p> |                      |
| 563 | 3 year old very passive, non aggressive, non verbal child abused by mechanical restraint in preschool by teacher. Have picture taken by school of child in restraint   | May 1, 2012 8:49 AM  |
| 564 | My son is 5 and non-verbal, I am absolutely petrified of even the thought of him being abused in any way. He can't tell me if someone is being mean to him, neglecting him or harming him while he is away from us...it scares the hell out of us.   | May 1, 2012 8:37 AM  |
| 565 | Employment harassment  | May 1, 2012 8:17 AM  |
| 566 | I have a disability, but my family member who has cerebral palsy, was sexually abused.   | May 1, 2012 6:11 AM  |
| 567 | While waiting for service in the er I watched as my son was ignored and others taken care of before him. then the dr intentionally goded my son the out come horrible and we were powerless and my son teh victim!! If we said anything I was afraid of what might happen to my son. Another instance is that my son is in a program that goes out to his home .Usually they are very good, except the voc rehab person has done NOTHING. I have called to ask what the status is and I don;t even get a return call. I am calling the program back and then calling the head of Menatl health for our county. WHat happens to those that have no one. We know the answer to that .  | May 1, 2012 5:41 AM  |
| 568 | Another much bigger older child in an APS school in Delaware Co, PA was allowed by school staff to physically attack my 3yr old ASD son multiple times!!   | May 1, 2012 3:11 AM  |
| 569 | As a child the abuse was so severe the person and siblings were removed from the birth home and the parents' rights were terminated. As an adult the person left adult fostercare and tried to reunite with birth family and emotional, physical, and financial abuse started again and when the person fought back, was "kicked out".   | Apr 30, 2012 8:42 PM |
| 570 | Restraint and seclusion in kindergarten.   | Apr 30, 2012 7:05 PM |
| 571 | I have custody of my 6 yr old grandson. He was 'baited' (his kindergarten teacher's words, although she would not repeat them to anyone in authority) by the aide the school assigned to him and ended up being placed in a behavioral   | Apr 30, 2012 1:56 PM |

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|     | modification class by the school. He got off the bus from the behavioral mod class with a bruised face, courtesy of the substitute teacher, whom the principal said 'playfully' shook the desk from which my grandson was hanging upside down. He is now enrolled in TNVA (TN Virtual Academy), which was a blessing straight from God.  |                       |
| 572 | Child was removed and adopted by filer of this survey  | Apr 30, 2012 1:52 PM  |
| 573 | Target of theft on 3 occasions   | Apr 30, 2012 1:25 PM  |
| 574 | My youngest daughter sustaine horrific pre-adoptive abuse. However the school system continued abuse in their ignorance and refusing to be trained to handle my daughter's very fagile condition. For example, she has a history of starvation (intentional in her orphanage). As a result we asked that food never be used in the classroom to reinforce any kind of behavior they were looking at shaping. The school system would not put this in the IEP but said they would not do this. I make an unannounced visit and found the teacher, speech therapist AND OT withholding her lunch from her in order to try and force her to communicate. Her physician pulled her out of school immediately - but such damage had already been done. We also know from records it took us years to get, that a nuk toothbrush was forced on her to "desensitize" her to her oral sensitivity. This nuk brush became a trauma trigger and she will go into a full trauma response if she sees a nuk brush even 5 years later. She is now school phoebic and I have had to develop an extensive home program for her. | Apr 30, 2012 11:34 AM |
| 575 | My child was in an ESE EBD classroom were her spectrum needs were not met. She was harshly treated and put in a closet. She was put in time out constantly for minor infractions and humiliated/bullied. I am not sure if this qualifies as abuse, but certainly mistreatment.   | Apr 30, 2012 11:31 AM |
| 576 | Emotional abuse by school staff and fellow students in the form of bullying and harassment.  | Apr 30, 2012 9:03 AM  |
| 577 | wrongly medicated, over medicated or not medicated by doctors  | Apr 30, 2012 8:26 AM  |
| 578 | Caregiver abuse, emotional, yelling, screaming, threatening, blaming.  | Apr 30, 2012 7:55 AM  |
| 579 | Was beaten up by high school kids on his mid school campus. Staff did not inform. My child later told me after he was addmitted for his anxiety n bipolar, in a family therapy session. Statute of limitations had passed  | Apr 30, 2012 7:14 AM  |
| 580 | My son 20 yrs old who previously was taken care of excellently by family members and health care workers, was under the care of an acute care hospital, drs, nurses , aides, and the early morning hrs of the day he was to be discharged recuperating from pneumonia - he was abandoned and neglected for over 5 hrs- with his room on the respiratory floor - next to the nurses station. He had no monitors that night - as was ordered - no proper bowel, or respiratory care after a chest tube removed the day before - died of a massive heart attack due to not monitoring and lung recollapsed along with large bowel obstruction. Left alone for those hours - I was told he must must have suffered so and died a horrific death!   | Apr 30, 2012 4:50 AM  |
| 581 | I feel being misunderstood and treated as though I can't make decisions or not   | Apr 29, 2012 7:13 PM  |

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|     | treating me as an adult is a form of abuse.  |                       |
| 582 | Civil rights denied by school admissions department  | Apr 29, 2012 6:40 PM  |
| 583 | witnessed autistic children being emotionally verbally and physically abused   | Apr 29, 2012 6:37 PM  |
| 584 | Extreme prejudice. Sequestration, and treatment that degraded my rights.   | Apr 29, 2012 2:31 PM  |
| 585 | As a child when being violently abused it was obvious there were sexual motives but I fought well. my abuser family member would follow me in to the bedroom sit on his bed while trying to watch me undress this went on for years. so to me it is a form of sexual abuse. He would grab hold try to snap fingers even my neck. but always trying to hold on press against me. he done same groping and violence with another brother. Now other abuses. for a period of eight years I have no doubt I have been a victim of targeted Hate Crime driven abuses and gross neglect. causing me at times to attempt suicide. Twice I was snatched by the police as I was about to jump of The Tyne Bridge. Another time I had Super massive panic attack while living in temp accomodation that I had been forced in to by one of my abusers I ended up charging down a Dual Carrageway screaming blindly as traffic swerved to avoid me. they put me in three seperate properties which were filthy and most definately dangerous especially for me. they robbed me out of £4000 relocation grant instead they put me in temp home for 38 weeks of hell supposedly for a 12 week job. they would not protect me from extremelly Anti Social Family. I'm actually trying to put evidence together to give to a new legal rep to help force an urgent house move. I have endured years of abuse from an Anti Social Family while at same time targeted for extra abuse by the provider There is actually a big cover up of the abuses even by An Elected Ward Counsellor and some of her collegues. a Social worker verbally abused me when asking for help. I'm talking joined up services working together to go in to total denial as they protect the abusers and derogatise me as the problem as One police officer said It's a health problem, go see a Doctor. I already did and for years also a Psychiatrist even crisis team. yet none of them would intervene. neither would the Human Right's Commission despite a massive pile of evidence. not een Shelter Rethink, or Mind. would help and local press are scarred of Defamation Laws. but the abuse and shocking neglect is OhSo Real and I have the evidence to prove it. I have blogged on facebook for three years about the ongoing abuses. even on the Guardians message forums. | Apr 29, 2012 11:00 AM |
| 586 | liberal use of physical and mechanical restraint, 2 years of 1/2 day seclusion, injury to head/face/neck/arm, withheld from social interaction privileged, told not to discuss with family.  | Apr 29, 2012 9:43 AM  |
| 587 | Employment discrimination and harassment from administrators; Housing discrimination   | Apr 29, 2012 8:43 AM  |
| 588 | And locked in closets; dismissed by social workers, teachers, administrators as if "non-compliant" behavior is a choice from a person with autism who is unable to speak clearly and communicate effectively.  | Apr 28, 2012 10:08 PM |