

Disability and Abuse Newsfeed

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Articles are listed in alphabetical order by state within each category, so you can easily scan through the articles for those within your state or other states in which you have an interest. *International* articles are near the end. The categories are: *Abuse and Neglect, Guardianship, Laws & Legislation, Studies & Statistics, Improved Supports, International, and sometimes, Miscellaneous.*

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Type:

Sexual Assault: 3, 7, 14, 15, 20, 21, 24, 29, 48, 50, 51

Physical Abuse: 3, 4, 6, 10, 12, 17, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 57

Emotional/Verbal Abuse: 1, 22, 25, 62

Financial abuse: 4, 16, 19(exploitation), 23

Murder: 64 (man fell at care home, broke neck, no care, died)

Neglected: 2, 13

Kept Enclosed: 28, 34 (study); 62: for 21 months in hospital

Held captive: 11

Related to special education: 10, 13, 24, 26, 57

WINNER of most egregious award: 1: mentally ill patients kept in prison due to inadequate money for staffing; 52: women sterilized

WINNER of “good job” award: 3: long sentence for sexual assault of woman with a disability

WHO DUN IT (listed by article number):

Family: 12, 16, 20, 27

Carer: 14, 15, 22, 25, 28

Stranger: 3, 4

Acquaintance: 21, 50

Special education staff: 10, 24, 57:

Hospital: 51

Law enforcement: 6

Men: 3, 4, 6, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 24, 27, 29, 48, 50, 51

Women: 16, 23

Good News: 7: 40-year jail term for rapist; 30: new podcast on attitudes of people with disabilities; 42: medical marijuana approved in R.I. 54: young man sues father, says he does not have a disability.

Bad News: 59: Study says treatment of people with disabilities is getting worse; 60: study says increase in hate crimes against people with disabilities by 150% in two years in the UK.

ABUSE & NEGLECT

1. "Questions Swirl as Staffing Shortages Land Mental Health Patients in Jail for Psychiatric Treatment" - API said Friday afternoon that moving people to DOC jails is not because the group is out of beds or at capacity. Instead, low staffing numbers and care requirements have apparently made it so that some patients must be treated at other locations. "When we are at capacity, we have in the past informed hospitals and DOC that we're not able to take additional patients," said Duane Mayes, CEO for API. "It's no different than a hospital being at capacity." – KTUU – October 13, 2018 – (Alaska) - <https://is.gd/Z0rXBE>
2. "Warrant Issued for Woman In Elder-Abuse Case" - The woman called 911 because she said Brisendine was never at the home, the couple wasn't getting their medication daily, the home didn't have gas or hot water and the couple sat in their soiled clothing all day, the report stated.- SUN – October 12, 2018 – (Arizona) - <https://is.gd/RLDA0M>
3. "Man Accused of Hitting Special Needs Victim at In-N-Out Sought by Police" – NBC – Westminster police said they were looking for a man who allegedly assaulted a 39-year-old special needs man outside an In-n-Out in Westminster last month. - October 17, 2018 – (California) -
4. "Autistic Man Mugged and Beaten for iPhone" - A Paradise Hills family is in search of a good Samaritan after a young autistic man was mugged and beaten for his brand-new iPhone, just blocks from his home. – KGTV 10 News – October 18, 2018 – (California) - <https://is.gd/0w8dbD>

5. “3 Life Terms for Sex Assault of Mentally Disabled Woman | Patch PM” - Superior Court Judge Cynthia Adams sentenced James Levi Stokes, a three-time convicted sex offender in Kentucky, to three consecutive life sentences following his September conviction by a Douglas County Jury of two counts of aggravated sexual battery and one count of aggravated sodomy against a woman who did not have the mental capacity to consent to sexual acts. – Douglasville Patch – October 18, 2018 – (Georgia) - <https://is.gd/FHuLxq>

6. “Video Shows 2017 Shooting of Unarmed Autistic Man by Police” - Video released by an oversight agency shows an off-duty Chicago police officer shooting an unarmed, autistic man during an incident initially described as an armed confrontation. – WVVA – October 16, 2018 – (Illinois) - <https://is.gd/0Ve54U>

7. “40-Year Term Issued in Rape Case” - A jury found Haynes guilty last month of two counts of rape. He was accused of raping a woman who has the mental capacity of a kindergartner in April. – The Journal Gazette – October 12, 2018 – (Indiana) - <https://is.gd/D5PHNg>

8. “Grundy County Pays \$500,000 After Jailer Waits 13 Minutes to Aid Man Who Hanged Self in Cell” - An Iowa father who suffered from mental illness and drug addiction was left hanging from a bedsheet tied around his neck for more than 13 minutes while a Grundy County jailer stood outside the cell, court documents in a case settled this week for \$500,000 show. – Des Moines Register – October 16, 2018 – (Iowa) - <https://is.gd/81ZT4I>

9. “Jury Will Hear Why University Expelled Disabled Male After Female Admitted Sexually Assaulting Him” - The case stands out from other Title IX

litigation in several ways. Rossley Jr., who was expelled, claimed the university failed to accommodate his learning disability in the Title IX proceeding. His accuser also admitted to performing oral sex on him at a time when Rossley Jr. claims he couldn't consent but was never investigated. – The College Fix – October 18, 2018 – (Iowa) - <https://is.gd/zqyta7>

10. “Fayette County Public Schools Releases Video of Teachers Dragging Autistic Student” - Fayette County Public Schools has released video of an autistic student being dragged by two teachers at Tates Creek Middle School. – WKYT – October 11, 2018 – (Kentucky) - <https://is.gd/zB2Qtl>
11. “2nd Guilty Plea About Autistic Relative Held Captive” - Lambert pleaded guilty Thursday to one count of civil rights conspiracy. Prosecutors asked the judge to drop charges of forced labor, forced labor conspiracy and interference with housing. Sentencing is scheduled for Jan. 10. He faces up to 10 years behind bars. – Washington Post – October 18, 2018 – (Louisiana) - <https://is.gd/3ojYkQ>
12. “DA: Abuse Suspect Made 111 Calls to Victim After Arrest” - A Peabody man will continue to be held without bail as he awaits trial on charges that he regularly beat and tried to strangle his disabled girlfriend throughout their 21/2 year relationship. – The Salem News – October 12, 2018 – (Massachusetts) - <https://is.gd/2QzH41>
13. “Lawsuit Alleges State Failing Flint Special Education Kids” - "Stated differently, in a district with 902 special education students as of the 2017-18 school year, between one-fourth and one-third of these students have

been left with no special education teacher," the suit alleges. – The Detroit News – October 16, 2018 – Michigan - <https://is.gd/A91b8l>

14. "Lansing Man Sentenced After Sodomizing Sleeping Toddler" - Kevin Brown-Rios, 24, pleaded guilty, but mentally ill, in July to second-degree criminal sexual conduct causing injury to a 3-year-old and first-degree child abuse. – Lansing State Journal – October 17, 2018 – Michigan - <https://is.gd/g7cppB>

15. "Former Group Home Employee Pleads Guilty to Sexually Assaulting Vulnerable Adult in Little Canada" - A former employee of a Little Canada group home admitted in court Monday to sexually assaulting a woman with severe mental and physical disabilities who lived in the residence, court records day. -Twin Cities Pioneer Express – October 16, 2018 – (Minnesota) - <https://is.gd/KaWMep>

16. "Couple Sentenced for Stealing from Grandmother with Dementia" - Jason Polikowsky, 34, and his wife, 43-year-old Jessica Polikowsky, along with Jason's father, Donald Polikowsky, were charged with stealing hundreds of thousands of dollars from Jason's grandmother, Rose Polikowsky. – KAAL TV 6 – October 16, 2018 – (Minnesota) - <https://is.gd/da6x27>

17. "Man Wanted for Abuse of Vulnerable Adult, Attempted Murder Arrested in Mississippi" - A man wanted on attempted murder, abuse of a vulnerable adult and kidnapping charges was arrested in Mississippi, according to the Laurens County Sheriff's Office. Joseph Dwain Bryan will be brought back to Laurens Co. to face charges. – WSPA 7 News – October 12, 2018 – (Mississippi) - <https://is.gd/FkJ4zw>

18. “Questions Raised After Autistic Boy Runs Away from School and Group Home” - An autistic boy reported missing for the second time in 10 days is home safe. -Las Vegas Now – October 16, 2018 – Nevada - <https://is.gd/BTXd24>

19. “Lower Pay for Disabled New Mexico Workers Raises Fairness Issues” - But the facility is one of small number of organizations in New Mexico that use a provision of federal law allowing employers to pay less than the minimum wage to people with disabilities. – Santa Fe New Mexican – October 13, 2018 – (New Mexico) - <https://is.gd/hDA98J>

20. “Mother of Disabled New Mexico Teen Alleges Rape by Foster Father” - The mother of an Otero County teen with a developmental disability alleges in a new lawsuit that her daughter was raped repeatedly by a longtime foster father in an Albuquerque home where the girl was supposed to be receiving therapeutic care. – The Santa Fe New Mexican – October 16, 2018 – (New Mexico) - <https://is.gd/NUqC08>

21. “Local Man Charged with Rape of Disabled Senior” - Richard Burdick Sr. is accused of raping an elderly woman who was wheelchair bound while she visited his home in July. – News 10 – October 18, 2018 – (New York) - <https://is.gd/2SJ8lg>

22. “8 Fired, 2 Transferred After Investigation at J. Iverson Riddle Center” - The information request came after The News Herald received information on Sept. 18 that JIRDC staff members were sent home pending an investigation into a fight club at Elm Cottage. – October 13, 2018 – (North Carolina) - <https://is.gd/KQCKgP>

23. “Parma Heights Woman Charged with Stealing More Than Half Million Dollars from Elderly, Disabled” - Lisa M. Dotson, 39, was indicted by a Cuyahoga County Grand Jury on five counts of theft, identity fraud and misuse of credit cards following an extensive investigation by Parma Heights Police. – News 5 Cleveland – October 11, 2018 – (Ohio) - <https://is.gd/KhAUQy>
24. “Tulsa H.S. Football Coach Charged with Raping Special Needs Student” - A football coach and bus driver at Langston Hughes Academy is out on bond, charged with raping a special needs student. 32-year-old Daniel Jones is charged with second-degree rape and lewd or indecent proposal to a child. – News On 6 – October 11, 2018 – (Oklahoma)- <https://is.gd/Pm3G0l>
25. “Rampant Turnover, Low Pay: Insiders on Oregon Dementia Care” - Confirmed cases of abuse and neglect in senior care are rare, state data show. Yet 70 percent of employees who answered the newsroom's call for comments said they witnessed abuse or neglect. Eight in 10 of those people blamed a shortage of staff. – Oregon Live – October 13, 2018 – (Oregon) - <https://is.gd/c6Up0C>
26. “Mother Says MLK High School Special Education Student was Attacked at School” - A mother wants to know why after she says her son was beat up at MLK High School. The 15-year-old's jaw was broken and had to be wired shut. Police say he may be a victim of the 'Knockout Game'. -Fox 29 – October 16, 2018 – (Pennsylvania) - <https://is.gd/ZJveKy>
27. “Man Arrested for Abuse of Infant, Disabled Son” - Police have arrested a man sought on charges he abused an infant and his 5-year-old son, a boy

left permanently disabled from previous abuse he suffered as a baby. – ABC 27 – October 17, 2018 – (Pennsylvania) - <https://is.gd/BuhaoY>

28. “Report Describes 'Abusive Restraint Practices' for Washington Foster Youth Sent Out of State” - The state of Washington sent high-needs foster youth to a residential facility in Iowa where they were isolated, held in a restrictive setting and at times subject to “abusive restraint practices,” according to a scathing report released Wednesday by the advocacy group Disability Rights Washington. – NW News Network – October 17, 2018 – (Washington) - <https://is.gd/TKPLCj>

29. “Casper Man Gets 4-12 Years for Sexual Assault, Abuse” - District Judge Thomas Sullins sentenced Raymond Martin Brown to four to 12 years for third-degree sexual assault and four to eight years for intentional abuse of a vulnerable adult, with those prison terms to run concurrently. – K2 Radio – October 19, 2018 – (Wyoming) - <https://is.gd/KzWJY8>

GUARDIANSHIP

30. “Kazakhstan: Persons with Mental Disabilities Denied Equal Rights Under Repressive ‘Guardianship’ System” - “We are like dead souls”: Life without Legal Capacity in Kazakhstan documents how Kazakhstan’s current laws mean thousands of persons with psychosocial and intellectual disabilities have been declared “incapable” by law and put in the care of a guardian (often a close relative). Under this system they cannot exercise their rights and are not able to challenge the decision in court. – Amnesty International – October 12, 2018 – (Kazakhstan) - <https://is.gd/OVM7hz>

31. “Response to SB 1045 and Possible Expansion of Conservatorship” - As a coalition of community groups who work with people with disabilities,

seniors, and homeless people, we strongly oppose implementation of SB 1045 in San Francisco. We agree that we have a crisis of homeless people living and dying on our streets. But an expansion of involuntary conservatorship is the wrong approach and will do nothing to address the underlying drivers of psychiatric disabilities, substance abuse, and homelessness. – The Berkley Daily Planet – October 15, 2018 – (California) - <https://is.gd/KnMSGQ>

32. “Temporary Guardianship for Grandparents Bill Passes as Wolf Officials Meet with Those Raising Grandchildren” - In response to the opioid epidemic, the Pennsylvania Senate unanimously passed a House bill Tuesday that grants temporary guardianship in 90-day increments, up to one year, to grandparents or other family members when the parents of children are unable to raise them. – Post Gazette – October 16, 2018 – (Pennsylvania) - <https://is.gd/PnVtXI>

LAWS & LEGISLATION

33. “SCOTUS May Consider Down Syndrome Abortion Ban in What Would Be a Pivotal Case for Disability Rights” - Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill asked the Supreme Court Friday to rule on a 2016 law which bans abortions that are chosen solely due to a prenatal diagnosis of Down syndrome. - Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill asked the Supreme Court Friday to rule on a 2016 law which bans abortions that are chosen solely due to a prenatal diagnosis of Down syndrome. – Townhall – October 16, 2018 – (Indiana) - <https://is.gd/adblff>

STUDIES & STATISTICS

34. “Early Results of Seclusion Room Survey Alarming Advocacy Group Says” - The survey closed yesterday with more than 600 responses. Most of the

respondents have children who were between the ages of 5 and 10 years old when they were placed in a seclusion room, said Trish Bowman, CEO of Inclusion Alberta. – CBC News – October 11, 2018 – (Canada) - <https://is.gd/UjHuUQ>

35. “Chicago Study Finds For-Profit Nursing Homes Have More Cases of Neglect” - A joint study by researchers from The University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health, John H. Stroger Hospital, The Social Policy Research Institute and Illinois Citizens for Better Care has found that the type of facility matters when it comes to the quality of care your elderly loved one is receiving. – Levin & Perconti – October 16, 2018 – (Illinois) - <https://is.gd/FX8NkD>

36. Global Asperger Syndrome Treatment Market 2018 | Business Analysis, Scope, Size, Overview, And Forecast 2023 - The ultimate motive of the Asperger Syndrome Treatment report is to scrutinize the Asperger Syndrome Treatment market perspective, revealed by the industry and estimate the Asperger Syndrome Treatment production sector internationally. Via a thorough study, the Asperger Syndrome Treatment report discovers the foremost approaches of speculation for the Asperger Syndrome Treatment market. – Real Criticism – October 16, 2018 (National) - <https://is.gd/i1f36l>

37. “Children with Autism, Developmental Delays Nearly 50 Percent More Likely to be Overweight, Obese” - A new study by researchers at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), the University of Pennsylvania and six other centers reveals that children with developmental delays, including autism spectrum disorder (ASD), are up to 50 percent more likely to be overweight or obese compared with the general population. – Science Daily – October 18, 2018 – (Pennsylvania) - <https://is.gd/laRuZe>

IMPROVED SUPPORTS

38. “Shelter Opens in Hudson for Special Needs Victims of Hurricane Michael” - Dozens of people with special needs have found shelter in the Bay Area after Hurricane Michael ripped through the panhandle and knocked out electricity. – ABC Action News – October 15, 2018 – (Florida) - <https://is.gd/zhBlOt>

39. “MU Student Turns Life Experience with Disability into KBIA Podcast” - But that conversation inspired the name for Lawson’s KBIA-produced podcast: “The Obvious Question.” It’s about correcting misconceptions about people with disabilities. – Missourian – October 14, 2018 – (Missouri) - <https://is.gd/lcNVC9>

40. “Seniors in Nursing Homes Are Often Afraid to Report Elder Abuse” - The Franklin County Area Agency on Aging conducts Pennsylvania’s Empowered Expert Residents training sessions. The PEER program trains resident advocates to work with facilities, staff and residents to enhance quality of care and quality of life for their peers. – Public Opinion – October 13, 2018 – (Pennsylvania) - <https://is.gd/XBS4Uh>

41. “A Handicapped Girl's Journey Paves the Way to Help Others in Western Pennsylvania” - Reagan’s Journey is a medical equipment and supplies — most from families whose children have out grown them, but some purchased with grants — and loans them to other families in need. – Trib Live – October 15, 2018 – (Pennsylvania) - <https://is.gd/u2kqKU>

42. “Medical Marijuana Treatments Approved for Autistic Children” - Rhode Island health officials have approved a petition that will allow parents to

use medical marijuana to treat autistic children. – US News – October 18, 2018 – (Rhode Island) - <https://is.gd/4Vitck>

43. “#ChangeMakers in the Disabilities Community: Tresi Weeks” - Tresi, who serves on Plano-based non-profit [My Possibilities'](#) advisory council, first became aware of special needs planning 12 years ago when she was serving as a trustee for a trust in which the beneficiary received Medicaid. – Plano – October 16, 2018 – (Texas) - <https://is.gd/BU2ixW>

44. “Public Hearing Called to Review New Special Education Guidelines” - Wyoming is the only state to reimburse school districts 100 percent for special education costs. In the 2017-18 school year that cost the state roughly \$238 million. In the midst of budget cuts, lawmakers asked the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) to further clarify exactly what is reimbursable in the hopes of saving money. – Wyoming Public Media – October 12, 2018 – (Wyoming) - <https://is.gd/hZTibQ>

INTERNATIONAL

45. “Brain Injury Victim Says CommBank Ruined 14 years of His Life After Signing Him up to Complex Contract” - A man who says the Commonwealth Bank signed him up to a complex contract he did not ask for after he had suffered a brain injury now wants to seek damages, but does not have enough money to engage a lawyer for a lengthy legal battle.- ABC- October – 17, 2018 – (Australia) - <https://is.gd/IP6wod>

46. “Mentally Ill Prisoner Left to Scream for Hours in Solitary, Says Watchdog” - ‘Rebecca’ endured 18 months in jail because there was nowhere for her to go, says Victoria ombudsman, in a case ruled ‘unjust and oppressive’ – The Guardian – October 16, 2018 – (Australia) - <https://is.gd/DlqBQI>

47. "Croatia: End Confinement of People with Disabilities" - Croatia's government should end the confinement of children and adults in institutions, five disabled people's and human rights organizations said today in a letter to Prime Minister Andrej Plenković. – Human Rights Watch- October 10, 2018 – (Brussels) - <https://is.gd/7G3mOp>
48. "Care Worker Jailed for 11 years After 'Life-Changing' Sex Attack on Vulnerable Victim" - Robert Smith, of St Catherine's Way, Gorleston, was found guilty of sex offences against a vulnerable victim when he appeared at Norwich Crown Court today. – Eastern Daily Press – October 13, 2018 – (England) - <https://is.gd/Ak0vjS>
49. "Two Men Arrested After CCTV Plea Over Sickening Attack on Girl in Wheelchair in McDonald's" - Two men have been arrested after a severely disabled little girl was left cowering under a table following a sickening attack on two mums and their children at a City Centre McDonald's. – Manchester Evening News – October 11, 2018 – (England) - <https://is.gd/OciemS>
50. "Man Arrested for Allegedly Sodomizing Physically Disabled Minor in Greater Noida" - The Dadri police on Sunday arrested a 30-year-old man for allegedly sodomizing his seven-year-old physically disabled neighbor on Saturday morning. – Hindustan Times – October 15, 2018 – (India) - <https://is.gd/OAh1Jy>
51. "Pune: FIR Against 4 Army Men for Rape, Molestation of Disabled Woman" - The Pune Police has registered a First Information Report (FIR) against four Army personnel for allegedly raping and molesting a speech-impaired

woman in a Military Hospital premise here. – Business Standard – October 17, 2018 – (India) - <https://is.gd/QaXxgE>

52. “Forced Abortion, Sterilization Cases Among Deaf Rises to 127” - A total of 109 hearing-impaired people were forced to undergo 127 cases of sterilization operations or abortions under a postwar eugenics law, according to an ongoing investigation by the Japanese Federation of the Deaf (JFD). - [The Asahi Shimbun](http://www.asahi.com/ajw/articles/AJ201810160030.html) – October 16, 2018 – (Japan) - <http://www.asahi.com/ajw/articles/AJ201810160030.html>

53. “Partially Deaf Minor Has Languished in Voi Police Cell for Five Months” - A mentally challenged teen has been languishing in Voi police cells for the last five months since his arrest in May, after his mother failed to raise Sh50,000 cash bail imposed by a Voi court. The suspect, a class four pupil at special unit in Voi Primary school, was arrested in May 2018 and charged with defilement. He is also HIV positive and partially deaf. – Kenya News Agency – October 18, 2018 – (Kenya) - <https://is.gd/YkTCou>

54. “Young Man Sues Father, Medical Panel – I am Not Mentally Handicapped, Says Son- In an unprecedented move in the history of the Kuwaiti judiciary, an 18-yearold youth has filed a lawsuit against his father and a medical committee in the Ministry of Health, reports Al-Rai daily. – Arab Times – October 13, 2018 – (Kuwait) - <https://is.gd/11HKXQ>

55. “Peru’s Groundbreaking Legislation Gives Equality of Choices to People with Disabilities” - Peru has now taken a bold step to end this legal exclusion of people with disabilities. After eight years of debates involving legislators, disabled people’s organizations, the ombudsman, human rights experts and independent groups, President Martin Vizcarra signed into law a

comprehensive bill that unequivocally recognizes every individual, regardless of disability or supposed “mental capacity” as equal and holding the same rights as every other person. – Human Rights Watch – October 1, 2018 – (Peru) - <https://is.gd/xypRUF>

56. “Centre Proves a Haven for Special Needs Children Uprooted by Conflict” - Forced to flee eastern Ukraine, one woman decided to open her own treatment centre for internally displaced special needs children. – UNHCR – October 16, 2018 – (Ukraine) - <https://is.gd/BXVlyC>

57. “School Staff Strap Autistic Boy, 5, Into Chair by his Waist and Ankles Before Sending Pictures to Parents” - “But we were told by other parents that they’d seen our son being wheeled in the chair at the school but when we asked the school, they denied it. – Independent – October 12, 2018 – (United Kingdom) - <https://is.gd/Nla8QB>

58. “Autistic Woman Allowed to Have Sex with Numerous Men 'Despite Not Being Aware of Dangers'” - In a report to the court last month a psychiatrist warned that allowing her to continue to be exposed to such a “high level of risk” was unacceptable, unprofessional and might lead to “sexual abuse, violence, injury or death”. – The Telegraph – October 18, 2018 – (United Kingdom) - <https://is.gd/jiVq19>

59. “Disability Rights Facing ‘Serious Regression’ Says Equality Watchdog” - The treatment of disabled people in the UK is getting worse, according to a highly critical report from the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC).- Human Rights News, Views & Info – October 10, 2018 – (United Kingdom) - <https://is.gd/hOs8g0>

60. “The Police Are Failing Disability Hate Crime Victims” - Statistics released last October showed that disability hate crimes against children rose 150% in two years, while disability hate crimes overall [rose 53%](#). This came as no surprise to any disabled people, I suspect, given the relentless, daily grind where we see our friends, peers and colleagues experience abuse and harassment, when we’re not experiencing it ourselves. – Global Comment – October 12, 2018 – (United Kingdom) - <https://is.gd/KtUue9> (Slightly different angle than other similar article below)
61. “Crime Against Disabled People More Than Doubles in Kent in The Last Year” - Hate crimes against people with disabilities in Kent have more than doubled, according to the latest figures. – Kent Online – October 15, 2018 – (United Kingdom) - <https://is.gd/HBf4xE>
62. “ ‘CELL’ HELL -Severely Autistic Girl Locked In 12ft Hospital ‘Cell’ For 21 Months And Can Only Speak To Her Dad Through A Hatch In A Metal Door”- Jeremy, 50, says 17-year-old Bethany is fed and spoken to through a hole in the metal door to the tiny room at St Andrews Healthcare in Northampton – The Sun – October 13, 2018 – (United Kingdom) - <https://is.gd/1e9GC4>
63. “Inside the Only Refuge Specifically for Women with Learning Disabilities” - Few resources exist for disabled women escaping abuse, despite this group being at greater risk. Kate Youde reports on the only refuge focused on women with learning disabilities and autism. – Inside Housing – October 18, 2018 – (United Kingdom) - <https://is.gd/VtS6Ff>
64. “Care failings for autistic man who died from broken neck” - A disabled man found to have a fractured neck days after a fall at a care home did not receive appropriate care, an inquest has concluded. Heddwyn Hughes, 67,

died in October 2015, five months after the fall at Bro Myrddin care home, Carmarthen. – BBC News – October 19, 2018 – (Wales) -

<https://is.gd/2JCbhF>

MISC

65. “Five Ways to Make Direct Action Organizing Less Ableist” There is an ableist misconception that those with disabilities don’t participate in marches, rallies, lockdowns and resistance camps. In reality, we are here and more of us would like to get in on the action. – Truth Out – October 14, 2018 – (Denver) - <https://is.gd/H2av72>

66. “Review: Destiny U.S.A was a vulnerable look into Deaf and Hard of Hearing experiences” - Ambitious, intimate and proud of it, Destiny U.S.A is an earnest and touching window into the lives of those cast to the margins of society. – The Ubysey – October 12, 2018 – (New York) - <https://is.gd/9D6u1z>