

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.*

Check the categories below for a guide to types of abuse. The categories are indicated by type, and the number of the article.

Type:

Abuse and Neglect:

Sexual Assault: 1, 7, 16, 36, 40

Physical Abuse: 2, 8,9, 12, 14, 29, 20

Emotional/Verbal Abuse: 5, 11

Financial Abuse: 15, 17, 21

Multiple Types of Abuse on Victim: 2

Neglected: 3 (by nurses), 6, 13, 18, 23

Neglected to Death (murder): 22

Winner of most egregious news: 9: Teacher's aide watched while special education teacher choked student and did nothing.

Relatively good news winner: 4: Center for people with disabilities closes after years of abusing patients.

Good News: 35: New work opportunity for people with disabilities; 37: Man booted from plane due to verbal abuse directed toward a woman with Down syndrome.

Bad News: 10: Social workers must report suspected abuse...but don't; 33: Denial of psychiatric care rampant with the reason being if the individual does not present a danger to others at the time of admission evaluation.

Who dun it?

Family: 6, 13, 17, 18, 22

Carers: 3, 4, 8, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 23

Stranger: 2, 7, 35

Special education staff: 5, 9

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ABUSE & NEGLECT

1. "Second Suspect Charged with Rape of Mentally Disabled Victim" - According to both suspects' arrest warrants, they allegedly engaged in sexual intercourse and deviate sexual intercourse with a victim "who was incapable of consent by reason of being mentally defective" between July 1 and July 31 of this year. – Alabaster Reporter – October 24, 2018 – (Alabama) - <https://is.gd/9rE8G2>

2. “Man Beat, Kidnapped and Robbed Developmentally Disabled Man, Police Say” - A Sacramento-area man was arrested after he attacked a developmentally disabled man in San Bruno last week, dragged him down the block and robbed him, investigators said Sunday. – San Francisco Chronicle – October 22, 2018 – (California) - <https://is.gd/y8vTo5>

3. “State Disciplines LPN For Mistreatment of York Inmate, Disciplines 7 Others” - The state Board of Examiners for Nursing this week disciplined eight nurses, including reprimanding a York Correctional Institution nurse for failing to properly care for an inmate who suffered a serious brain injury in the prison medical unit in 2014. – Connecticut Watch Dog – October 19, 2018 – (Connecticut) - <https://is.gd/xMpE2s>

4. “Plagued by Abuse Claims and Deaths, Carlton Palms Finally Closes Doors to Florida's Disabled” - Dogged by abuse claims and client deaths, Carlton Palms Educational Center — a for-profit home in Lake County for people with severe disabilities — finally closed this month. The last of 190 residents moved to a group home in early October as Carlton Palms complied ahead of schedule with a state accord to stop operating by March 2019. – Orlando Sentinel – October 25, 2018 – (Florida) - <https://is.gd/sS6Y7F>

5. “Teacher's Aide Fired After Allegedly Giving Student a 'Wedgie' in Front of Classmates” - A special needs teacher's aide at Mount Vernon Elementary School is out of a job after she allegedly gave a male student with special needs a "wedgie" in front of a classroom of his peers last month. – ABC Action News – October 23, 2018 – (Florida) - <https://is.gd/39inPV>

6. “Lutz Man Let Disabled Mother Waste Away to 50 Pounds” - A 29-year-old man was arrested Thursday for allowing his disabled 58-year-old mother to become malnourished and waste away to just 50 pounds, according to the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office. – Tampa Bay Times – October 27, 2018 – (Florida) - <https://is.gd/dw9Sqx>

7. “Florida Man, 23, gets 10 years in Prison for Groping a Handicapped Girl, 18, Who had the Mental Capacity of a 12-year-old, in a Carnival Cruise Ship Hot Tub.” Brian Holland digitally penetrated an 18-year-old woman with the mental capacity of a 12-year-old while they were in a crowded hot tub on February 27 – Daily Mail – October 27, 2018 – (Florida) - <https://is.gd/VXoyal>

8. “Adult Caregiver Arrested for Abusing 93-Year-Old Woman” - An adult caregiver has been arrested for abusing an elderly woman. - Channel 4 CBS Miami – October 22, 2018 – (Florida) - <https://is.gd/LmoM63>

9. “Big Island Special Education Teacher Arrested for Allegedly Choking a Student” - A special education teacher on the Big Island has been arrested for allegedly assaulting one of his students. The boy's family says the teacher choked him and threw him against a fence, while an aide assigned to the child did nothing to stop it. – KHON 2 – October 22, 2018 – (Hawaii) - <https://is.gd/SAvAM1>

10. “School Workers Must Report Suspected Abuse — it's the Law. But at CPS, Few Have Been Punished for Failing to do so” - In documenting hundreds of sex crimes against CPS students for the “Betrayed” series earlier this year, the Tribune found that educators sometimes had failed to report the abuse. – Chicago Tribune – October 27, 2018 – (Illinois) - <https://is.gd/A9OcMO>

11. "Lawsuit: Nursing Home Resident Subjected to Abuse, Humiliation" - The video, according to attorneys for the alleged victim, is both disgusting and shocking, and shows the abuse and humiliation of a man who survived a stroke, put on Facebook for others to see. – Fox 32 – October 23, 2018 – (Illinois) - <https://is.gd/eCBlkw>

12. "Woman Arrested for Abuse at the Ridge" - Police have arrested a woman they say slapped an elderly patient in the face multiple times and sprayed in the face with a shower head at The Ridge. According to police, 24-year-old Eunice Barnes was an employee at The Ridge on Rio Dosa Drive, in the geriatric unit. – WTVQ ABC – October 25, 2018 – (Kentucky) - <https://is.gd/70fPmQ>

13. "Case of Relatives Accused of Neglecting Mentally Ill Man Raises Questions About Psychiatric Care" - Investigators wrote that the man "appears to have the mind of a child and is clearly incapable of taking care of himself." Emergency Medical Services personnel determined he was "malnourished to the point of starving and extremely dehydrated." Deputies also noted he hadn't been bathed recently and his "clothing (was) in shambles." - The Advocate – October 23, 2018 – (Louisiana) - <https://is.gd/HmsBYz>

14. "Ex-worker Pleads Guilty to Hitting Attleboro Group Home Resident" - A former group home worker was given probation Thursday after pleading guilty to assaulting an 18-year-old resident while helping to restrain him. – The Sun Chronicle – October 18, 2018 – (Massachusetts) - <https://is.gd/2BZYbQ>

15. “Woman, Who Helped Change Research Protocols at U of M, Allegedly Loses Savings to Caregiver” - Woman, who helped change research protocols at U of M, allegedly loses savings to caregiver – Fox 9 – October 22, 2018 – (Minnesota) - <https://is.gd/k4KjBO>

16. “Woman with Disabilities Impregnated at St. Anthony Group Home; Caregiver Charged with Abuse” - A woman with intellectual disabilities resulting from a stroke was sexually abused and impregnated early this year at a St. Anthony group home for vulnerable adults by a male caregiver who worked there. – Star Tribune – October 24, 2018 - (Minnesota) - <https://is.gd/PtOvcA>

17. “8 years Prison for Nevada Woman for Elder Exploitation” - A 62-year-old northern Nevada woman has been sentenced to up to eight years in prison for guardianship abuse of her 93-year-old father. - 13 Action News- October 22, 2018 – (Nevada) - <https://is.gd/frEj8q>

18. “Elderly Woman 'Severely Neglected, Abused by Caretaker': Randolph Co. Sheriff” - Deputies say the 75-year-old woman's son left her in extremely unsanitary conditions, and she'd been severely neglected and abused. – WFMY – October 19, 2018 – (North Carolina) - <https://is.gd/O5lwAz>

19. “State Confirms Cases of Resident Abuse at Center for Mentally, Physically Disabled” - The state confirmed on Thursday that allegations of abuse at J. Iverson Riddle Developmental Center had been substantiated after nearly a month of claiming that “unprofessional conduct” led to the dismissal of eight employees and transfer of two others. – The News Herald – October 24, 2018 – (North Carolina) - <https://is.gd/6rsEwE>

20. "Woman Accused of Assaulting a Man with Autism at State Housing Facility" - Dianna Stein is charged with two counts of assault and two counts of patient abuse. The indictment from the Guernsey County grand jury found Stein abused Brady Conway while under her care during the month of June. – ABC 6 – October 25, 2018 – (Ohio) - <https://is.gd/6AfwB6>
21. "New Details on Arrest of Couple Accused of Stealing \$153K From Elderly Relative Coming Monday" - The Lower Swatara Township Police charged Chester "Rob" Garman III, 54, and Kathy Alice Garman, 62, of Hocker Drive, Swatara Township, on Oct. 12 with felony theft and access device fraud following an investigation that began in January. – Penn Live – October 21, 2018 – (Pennsylvania) - <https://is.gd/4iMZxe>
22. "Daughter, Granddaughter Sentenced to Prison in Fatal Neglect of Charleston Woman" - In turn, Judge Duke Bloom on Tuesday told Lisa Jean Dunlap, 50, and Kayla Lea Rogers, 29, that their actions toward Norma Dunlap were "extremely cruel" as he sentenced each of them to 12 years in prison. – Charleston Gazette- Mail – October 23, 2018 – (South Carolina) - <https://is.gd/L4mLYm>
23. "Patients Said They Screamed for Help at a Rehab Facility. Poor Care Cost One Her Foot, Lawsuit Says" - "These failures were due to understaffing, failure to supervise, failure to adequately train staff upon information and belief, and inadequate corporate policies and procedures." – The News Tribune – October 20, 2018 – (Washington) - <https://is.gd/TdYIH5>

GUARDIANSHIP

24. "Disability: All People Under Guardianship will be Able to Vote and Marry" - The majority of people under guardianship will have in the future a right to

vote inalienable and will also be able to marry, separate, and divorce, which a judge cannot deny, announced Thursday the secretary of State to Persons with disabilities, Sophie Cluzel, before the holding of an inter-ministerial committee of the disability. – The Koz Post – October 25, 2018 – (Canada) - <https://is.gd/MptYwp>

25. “Guardianship lawsuit against county rejected by Collier court” - Betty and several others in the county are victims of what is known as guardianship abuse. – Fox 4- October 22, 2018 – (Florida) - <https://is.gd/TQIXG3>

26. “Candidates: Address Guardianship Issue” - We at Americans Against Abusive Probate Guardianship-New Mexico (AAAPG.net) are very interested in learning how both candidates running for New Mexico governor would handle the governor’s responsibilities within the flawed guardianship system in New Mexico. – Albuquerque Journal – October 19, 2018 – (New Mexico) - <https://is.gd/R0IMFV>

LAWS & LEGISLATION

27. “Bill to Protect Elderly in American Samoa Moves to Next Stage” - The American Samoa Senate has given final approval to the Lolo Administration’s legislation, which creates a new law to protect the territory’s elderly and disabled adult population. – Stock Voice -October 21, 2018 – (American Samoa) - <https://is.gd/bYUVJ9>

28. “Letter to the Editor: Elder Coalition Commends U.S. Sen. Susan Collins” - The bipartisan 3,000-member national Elder Justice Coalition commends U.S. Sen. Susan Collins for her sponsorship of the Stamp Out Elder Abuse Act – [S.3594](#). The coalition worked closely with Sen. Collins, and a key motivation for this bill was to honor philanthropist Brooke Astor, a part-

time resident of Maine who was a victim of elder abuse and financial exploitation. – Press Herald – October 20, 2018 – (Maine) - <https://is.gd/fqU5U2>

STUDIES & STATISTICS

29. “Social Stigma Contributes to Poor Mental Health in the Autistic Community” - Stress related to social stigma may be the reason why autistic people experience more mental health problems than the general population, dispelling past theories that the condition itself is the origin of such distress. – Science Daily – October 22, 2018 – (England) - <https://is.gd/VU3zuz>

IMPROVED SUPPORTS

30. “New State Work Group to Focus on Autism” - The state Senate announced the launch of a Minnesota Autism Council working group that will focus on improving services and opportunities in the state for people with autism. – Star Tribune – October 20, 2018 – (Minnesota) - <https://is.gd/H8Gh25>

31. “USPSTF Recommendation Statement on Screening for Intimate Partner Violence, Elder Abuse, and Abuse of Vulnerable Adults” –This latest statement is an update of its 2013 recommendation on screening for intimate partner violence (IPV), elder abuse, and abuse of vulnerable adults, which are common in the United States but often remain undetected. In addition to the immediate effects of intimate partner violence, which may include injury and death, there may be other health consequences, including the development of depression, anxiety, substance abuse, and chronic pain. Long-term negative health effects from

elder abuse may include higher risk of nursing home placement and death. EurekaAlert – October 23, 2018 – (Global) - <https://is.gd/n4ScuF>

32. “Silver Haired Legislature Alumni Association Keeps Tabs on House Bills” - However, Emig noted that many State legislators require additional information on the needs of older Oklahomans residing in institutions like assisted living and nursing home facilities. Emig said repeated attempts have been made by the OK Assisted Living Association and Care Oklahoma, to erode Oklahoma statutes that govern long-term care institutional settings. – Muskogee Phoenix – October 20, 2018 – (Oklahoma) - <https://is.gd/EfthiB>

33. “Pa. Moves to Loosen Requirements for Court-Ordered Outpatient Mental Health Treatment” - “Unfortunately, the standards that Pennsylvania uses to provide those folks care are really outdated, they’re from [the late ’70s](#), and what that meant on the ground is that families were told, ‘Your loved one can’t get care unless they pose a clear and present danger.’ And that’s a terrible way to try to provide medical care,” he said. – WHY Y – October 22, 2018 – (Pennsylvania) - <https://is.gd/24WFRY>

34. “Federal Officials Tell Texas to go Beyond Plan for Special Education Overhaul” - Federal officials said Texas should be doing even more to improve special education — and they're planning a visit early next year to check. – East Texas Matters – October 19, 2018 – (Texas) - <https://is.gd/sxB48f>

35. “New Workforce Program Provides Job Training for Students with Special Needs” - In Texas, special education students have the option to stay enrolled in transitional public-school programs for two years after

graduation. – Waco Tribune – Herald – October 19 ,2018 – (Texas) - <https://is.gd/IRsRY1>

INTERNATIONAL

36. “Absolutely Shameful’: Juveniles Sentenced Over Group Sexual Assault of 13yo Girl” - The sexual assault of a cognitively disabled teenage girl by a group of male teenagers in Karratha, Western Australia has been described by a judge as "absolutely shameful" – ABC News – October 19, 2018 – (Australia) - <https://is.gd/L5VPEZ>

37. “Man Booted from Flight for Abusing Young Disabled Girl” - A man in his 60s was removed by staff after hurling abuse at a six-year-old girl with Down Syndrome on a flight from Sydney to Port Macquarie. – 2 GB 873AM – October 22, 2018 – (Australia) - <https://is.gd/pJAGHk>

38. “Health Care Discriminates Against the Deaf” - Francistown City Council deputy mayor, Godisang Radisigo said that deaf people are generally discriminated against within the health care system, due to poor communication. He revealed this recently at the official launch of the first ever Human Immune Virus (HIV) testing services at Francistown Centre for Deaf Education. – MMEGionline- October 25, 2018 – (Botswana) - <https://is.gd/0BuFTG>

39. “If Austerity is Over, What Next for Disability Rights?” - For example, almost half of all British households living in poverty include at least one disabled person and fewer people today receive the social care and support they need to live independently in the community than in 2009-10, despite rising demand. – Human Rights News, Views & Info – October 22, 2018 – (England) - <https://is.gd/uiUVvv>

40. Alleged Rape: Public Trash Accused, Hand Over To Police - Mysuru: A youth, who had allegedly raped a 33-year-old mentally retarded woman and attempted to kill her, has been caught by the public, who thrashed him and handed over to the Police.- Star of Mysore – October 27, 2018 – (India) - <https://is.gd/XF8MdS>
41. “Family's Autistic Daughter was 'Deemed too Dangerous'” - Claire Dyer was sectioned in 2014, deemed too dangerous to be at home and sent to a secure hospital in Brighton. But the 24-year-old is now back with her parents in Swansea because no other suitable accommodation is available. – BBC – October 21, 2018 – (United Kingdom) - <https://is.gd/gc4BVI>

MISCELLANEOUS

42. “An archive Honoring the Voices and Experiences of Disabled People” - The voices and experiences of disabled people are often nowhere to be found in history books and even museums. But at Buffalo’s [Museum of disABILITY History](#), they take center stage. – Washington Post – October 20, 2018 – (New York) - <https://is.gd/wvN7ec>
43. “ADA Movement Film and Panel Held in Troy” - PBS summarizes the film as follows: “Encouraged by civil rights movements of the 1960s, the Disability Rights Movement gained momentum leading to the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990. – The Record – October 21, 2018 – (New York) - <https://is.gd/5IBKgd>
44. “Deaf, Dancing, Fabulous - the UK's First Deaf Vogue House” - The House of Krip are deaf dancers shaking up the vogue world. Members have adapted the rhythms to suit their usage of British Sign Language. Using its innovative style, the troupe performed at the Unlimited festival at London's Southbank

Centre, which celebrates work by disabled artists. – BBC- October 20, 2018
– (United Kingdom) - <https://is.gd/9Ji9nL>