

Disability and Abuse Newsfeed

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ABUSE & NEGLECT

1. “New Veteran's Home in North Little Rock Cited for Severe Violations; State’s Veterans Affairs Department Vows to Appeal” - Regulators cited Arkansas' new state-run nursing home for veterans last month for the most severe level of violations, related to the verbal and possible physical abuse of clients at the facility. Surveyors from the state Office of Long Term Care documented -- through facility records, interviews and physical evidence -- that the Arkansas State Veterans Home at North Little Rock's lax reporting and investigation procedures put residents in immediate jeopardy of serious injury, harm, impairment or death. – Arkansas Democrat Gazette – February 17, 2019 – (Arkansas) - <https://is.gd/KclGwN>
2. “Teacher's Aides Involved in Alleged Abuse Resign” - In November, it was reported that the mother of the 6-year-old victim placed a recording device in the child’s hair before sending her to school. The recording allegedly revealed the special education teacher and two aides verbal abusing children in the class. – The Journal – February 13, 2019 – (California) - <https://is.gd/RvuSHn>
3. “Staff Shortage Forces Schools to Provide Speech Therapy by Video” - The Fresno Unified School District will spend nearly \$1 million to offer speech and language lessons for students with special needs by video chat. - Sanchez, who worked primarily with preschoolers, said that video sessions would be impossible with students that young. Chrissy Kelly, a Fresno Unified parent and advocate, said telepractice sessions can work wonders for some students, but that they are not for everyone. – Disability Scoop – February 19, 2019 – (California) - <https://is.gd/gGk7AX>
4. “Santa Monica Nonprofit Helps Secure Patient Dumping Settlement” - WISE & Healthy Aging, a nonprofit headquartered in Santa Monica, tipped off Los

Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer that a nursing home in Westlake was improperly discharging homeless and mentally-impaired residents, resulting in a \$600,000 settlement that Feuer announced Friday. – Santa Monica Daily Press – February 14, 2019 – (California) - <https://is.gd/Z1aCLG>

5. “Deaf Man Sues 50+ Florida Cities and Counties Over Closed Captioning” - A deaf man has filed lawsuits against more than 50 Florida counties, cities, school boards and more, including St. Johns and Nassau Counties. The lawsuits say each failed to provide closed captioning for live-streamed and archived videos of meetings posted online, violating the constitutional rights of people who are deaf. – Action News JAX – February 14, 2019 – (Florida) - <https://is.gd/iJv9tq>

6. “New Fight Emerges Over HIV And AIDS Care” - The AIDS Healthcare Foundation has participated in recent years in the Florida Medicaid program, which offers health care to poor, elderly and disabled people. It also participates in the federal Medicare program, which mostly serves seniors. Some people --- the dual eligible --- qualify for both. – CBS 12 – February 15, 2019 – (Florida) - <https://is.gd/KCtShQ>

7. “The Robert Kraft Story Is No Laughing Matter” - This [Robert Kraft story](#) is not funny, because it’s not really about Robert Kraft. It’s about human trafficking and modern-day slavery, an international travesty that most of us tend to ignore because we can. – Sports Illustrated – February 22, 2019 – (Florida) - <https://is.gd/LI437L>

8. “Pensacola Cluster Attorneys Argue Disabled Woman's Rape, Pregnancy Did Not Happen at Their Facility” - The attorneys argue there's no evidence to support claims by the victim's family that the assault occurred at the

Cluster facility, and that the case should be thrown out. -Pensacola News Journal – February 18, 2019 – (Florida) - <https://is.gd/Zwf8UH>

9. “Proposed Bill Limits 'Frivolous' Claims Against Schools, Attorneys Say This Will Discourage Parents”-House Bill 1629 states that if an individual goes through a due process case against a public or charter school that they may be subject to pay the school's legal fees. The proposed bill was intended to minimize "frivolous" lawsuits against schools, bill author Republican Rep. Bob Behning said. – Journal & Courier – February 18, 2019 – (Indiana) - <https://is.gd/upcFup>

10. “Lexington Man Charged with Rape of Mentally Disabled Girl” - Keith Douglas Mohat, 65, of 664 Oakwood Blvd., was charged with two counts of felony second degree forcible rape and two counts of felony second degree forced sex offense. According to information provided by the Davidson County Sheriff's Department, on Jan. detectives with the Criminal Investigations Division became aware of the alleged sexual assault of a 16-year-old girl with mental disabilities. – The Dispatch – February 18, 2019 – (Kentucky) - <https://is.gd/Ko5yYL>

11. “Group Home Death Probe: Hancock Police Investigate”- Police Chief Wayne Butler confirmed his department is investigating an incident at a group home in the city in which a resident suffered injuries and later died as a result of those injuries. – The Daily Mining Gazette – February 13, 2019 – (Michigan) - <https://is.gd/BNg2yx>

12. “Neglect Ruling: Staffer Messaged Vulnerable Adult About Illicit Drugs At Foley Facility” - A supervisory staff person at a Foley adult foster home sent

explicit messages to a vulnerable adult about drug use, which drew a state investigation, according to [public records of the Minnesota Department of Human Services](#). The state ruled neglect of the vulnerable adult occurred last year at the Dungarvin Morgan facility, according to the Maltreatment Investigation Memorandum, issued Jan. 7. – SC Times – February 13, 2019 – (Minnesota) - <https://is.gd/BUNCw7>

13. “One of The Most Revolting Cases I Have Seen’: Minneapolis Man Pleads Guilty to Abusing Disabled Twin Daughters” - Just two days before he was set to stand trial, a Minneapolis man pleaded guilty to abusing his mentally disabled adult twin daughters. One of them he raped. The other he beat so severely she lost sight in one eye. Jerry Lee Curry, 52, pleaded guilty Wednesday to first-degree criminal sexual conduct, first-degree assault and child endangerment, the Hennepin County Attorney’s Office says – WCCO 4 Minnesota – February 14, 2019 – (Minnesota) - <https://is.gd/oZgEmA>

14. “Disability Rights Advocate Takes Hinds County To Federal Court” - In this June 29, 2017 file photo, Scott Crawford, with the Mississippi Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities, waves his disability symbol American flag outside the federal courthouse in Jackson as he and other Medicaid recipients, social service activists and supporters stage a protest outside the offices of Sen. Roger Wicker, R-Miss. Crawford has filed a lawsuit against Hinds County charging county buildings are not ADA compliant. – Clarion Ledger – February 12, 2019 – (Mississippi) - <https://is.gd/v6yf7v>

15. “Columbia Nursing Home Cited for Assault on Resident” - A state health department review in October found that Parkside Manor did not ensure that the resident "remained free from physical abuse." Several staff members and residents spoke about a certified nursing assistant hitting a resident. The CNA denied ever hitting the person, but the facility

"substantiated" the claim and fired the employee. – KMIZ 17 – February 12, 2019 – (Missouri) - <https://is.gd/I95dPB>

16. "Utica Man Accused of Raping Mentally Disabled Minor" - A Utica man has been arrested for allegedly raping a mentally disabled 17-year-old, which resulted in the teen giving birth. The arrest of 46-year-old Roger Herne comes after a year-long investigation. – Local SYR – February 15, 2019 – (New York) - <https://is.gd/Sg664Y>

17. "The Coming Care Crisis as Kids with Autism Grow Up"-The number of adults with autism diagnoses is soaring, but there aren't enough programs and services to meet the demand. – The Atlantic- February 20, 2019 – (New York) - <https://is.gd/DT6NLH>

18. "Feds: Patient With Intellectual Disability Blocked From Organ Transplant List"- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office for Civil Rights said it has reached a resolution with the University of North Carolina Health Care system over a complaint alleging that a doctor decided that an individual with intellectual disability would not be a good candidate for a heart transplant because of their disabilities and the fact that the person does not live independently. – Disability Scoop – February 18, 2019 – (North Carolina) - <https://is.gd/zdgMDh>

19. "Caregiver's Defense Tries to Counter Confession"- The jurors on Monday reacted with shock after seeing a video confession in which Dula, 56, admitted to sexually assaulting a non-verbal mentally disabled woman in his care more than a dozen times in 2016 because he was a virgin who didn't have a girlfriend. – The Citizens' Voice – February 13, 2019 – (Pennsylvania) - <https://is.gd/dm7n48>

20. "Former Dubois Caretaker Accused of Assaulting Disabled Woman, Police Say" - Police say 48-year-old Daniel Smith acknowledged assaulting the victim on multiple occasions while he was supposed to be caring for her. – WJAC – February 14, 2019 – (Pennsylvania) - <https://is.gd/CqWohO>
21. "Philadelphia Department of Human Services Faces Heavy Criticism Over Child Abuse, Custody Battles" - Families and social workers packed Philadelphia City Council chambers on Tuesday and concerns about the reporting of child abuse and custody battles were front and center. – CBS Philly – February 12, 2019 – (Pennsylvania) - <https://is.gd/ddPWGa>
22. "Treadwell Middle School Teacher Charged with Simple Assault Against Autistic Student"- According to the affidavit, the incident happened November 30th, 2018. The boy's mother told investigators when she picked him up from school, she noticed a large red bruise on his ear. She said she immediately went into the school to ask his teacher, 61-year-old Kathy Brooks, and the principal what happened. Investigators say Brooks told the principal at that time she pulled the boy's ear lightly because they were playing a game. – Local Memphis – February 14, 2019 – (Tennessee) - <https://is.gd/YrLKcs>
23. "Trial for Teacher Accused of Abusing Students with Special Needs Postponed" - A trial set today for an educator accused of abusing students with special needs in the classroom postponed for weeks. Geronimo Martinez, a former Los Fresnos CISD employee, was arrested for two counts of Injury to a child/disabled individual in November. – KVEO – February 18, 2019 – (Texas) - <https://is.gd/9YeQEp>

24. “Director of Ogden Treatment Center Charged with Child Abuse” - Allan David Falls, 38, of Lander, Wyoming, was charged Feb. 12 in Weber County Justice Court with child abuse, a class B misdemeanor. – Desert News Utah – February 17, 2019 – (Utah) - <https://is.gd/Jh7nbP>
25. “VA Official Who Exploited Veterans in Fraud Scam Gets 11 Years” - King led a scheme to steer 88 disabled veterans and more than \$2 million in taxpayer-funded benefits to sham job-retraining schools in exchange for bribes and kickbacks. – Deluth News Tribune – February 16, 2019 – (Virginia) - <https://is.gd/ExbOYt>
26. “Man With Extensive Criminal Record Surrenders Right Before Deputies Bust into Summerfield Home” - A Marion County Court order dated Feb. 4 revoked the bond of Christopher Shane Fulk, 44, of 5495 SE 145th St., who is awaiting trial on a charge of abusing an elderly or disabled adult. – Villages–News – February 15, 2019 – (West Virginia) - <https://is.gd/cmR47D>

GUARDIANSHIP

27. “AAAPG Presents Tampa Guardianship Abuse Forum” - Guardianship Abuse Forum and THE GUARDIANS documentary guaranteed to send shock waves in Tampa Feb. 20. Free Event Preventing Abuse and Protecting Rights” Open to Public. National experts to speak at Tampa Theatre on protecting Senior rights. – Press Release.Com – February 14, 2019 – (Florida) - <https://www.pr.com/press-release/777107>
28. “Realtor Seeks Court-Ordered Guardianship to Take Away Rights of Elderly Beach Hotel Owner” - That real estate agent hired a lawyer and went to court to ask a judge to put a court-appointed guardian in charge of Dirse’s life after the elderly woman sold one building on her hotel property to her

great nephew. – ABC News – February 19, 2019 – (Florida) - <https://is.gd/xRS68M>

29. “2nd Circuit Confirms Abstention from Case Challenging Protections Afforded Disabled New Yorkers” - The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit decided Friday against federal court intervention in a challenge implicating the New York state court system’s handling of certain surrogate’s court guardianship proceedings for failing to provide vulnerable people with proper protections. – New York Law Journal – February 15, 2019 – (New York) - <https://is.gd/nlqNwc>

30. “Legal-Ease: Caring for adult children with special needs” - The first consideration as to adults with special needs is ensuring our ability to assist them with decision-making. If the adult is mentally competent as a matter of law, the adult may be able to sign powers of attorney that name family or friends as agents to make decisions – Lima Ohio – February 16, 2019 – (Ohio) - <https://is.gd/MIPwnx>

LAWS & LEGISLATION

31. “New Bill Creates Unnecessary Burden For Special Needs Students And Their Families” - On Thursday, Feb. 14 the legislature’s education committee will hold a public hearing on a bill, LD 464, that would [greatly affect the landscape of options for special needs students](#) in Maine. – Maine Wire – February 13, 2019 – (Maine) - <https://is.gd/nH13OK>

32. “Causing Mental Anguish To A Vulnerable Person Could Bring Felony Repercussions #Billoftheday” - [HB 1075](#), authored by Rep. Crawford, would amend the current code section to ensure that the crime for individuals found guilty of causing mental anguish to a vulnerable person, like the

elderly or someone with special needs, would be a felony. – Y'all Politics – February 15, 2019 – (Mississippi)- <https://is.gd/pjeTZx>

33. "Life Changing Alzheimer's Or Dementia Diagnosis? 3 Ways Guardianships Can Bring Stability to Your Family" - An Alzheimer's or dementia diagnosis is scary and can leave a patient and their family with more questions than answers. Legal guardianships can provide asset protection, stability, and comfort in uncertain times. While less restrictive alternatives to guardianship may exist in some circumstances, guardianships are a legal vehicle which provides oversight and structure to families in crisis. – Mondaq – February 13, 2019 – (National) - <https://is.gd/xMgPX6>

34. "Bill for Restraint and Seclusion in Schools Fails In North Dakota House" - A bill to regulate the use of restraint and seclusion in North Dakota schools failed in the House on Friday. Senate Bill 2266, whose primary sponsor is Senate Minority Leader Joan Heckaman, failed 33-12. The Senate Education Committee voted 5-2 to give the bill a "do not pass" recommendation. – Inforum.com – (No Date Given) – (North Dakota) - <https://is.gd/kOvkHw>

35. "Elder Financial Abuse Leads Recent Legislation" - Diverse legislation running the gamut from healthcare to elder financial abuse to a future workforce initiative by Gov. Bill Lee highlighted the weekly "Wrap" report filed by state Reps. Dan Howell and Mark Hall. Originated through the House Republican Caucus, the legislative report is distributed locally by Howell (R-Georgetown) who represents the 22nd Legislative District, and Hall (R-Cleveland), representing the 24th Legislative District. -Cleveland Banner – February 18, 2019 – (Ohio) - <https://is.gd/AJAnVe>

36. "U.S. Rep. Mike Doyle's Bipartisan Bill Authorizes \$1 Billion In Autism Funding" - The Autism CARES Act, introduced Feb. 7, would reauthorize a similar bill approved in 2014 and which was also sponsored by Doyle, D-18, Forest Hills, and U.S. Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J. It has been referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, which Doyle sits on. – GoErie.com – February 20, 2019 – (Pennsylvania) - <https://is.gd/cf38ZX>
37. "Free Range Parenting Bill would change the state's child abuse and neglect laws"- It would amend the state's child abuse and neglect laws to say children who are old and mature enough do not need constant adult supervision.- News 2 – February 14, 2019 – (South Carolina) - <https://is.gd/7mkZr2>
38. "Lawmaker Seeks Restrictions On Offender Location, Release" - A lawmaker from the district holding the troubled [Western State psychiatric hospital](#) said Friday that measures before the Legislature would restrict what he described as the disproportionate placement of violent offenders in the area after release. One of the bills would require violent offenders to be released in their home counties, while the other would restrict placement of some in less-restrictive adult family homes. – The Washington Times – February 15, 2019 – (Washington) - <https://is.gd/BCKnh2>

STUDIES & STATISTICS

39. "Inclusion Increasingly the Norm for Students with Disabilities"- Nearly 95 percent of kids with disabilities spent at least part of their day in a regular education classroom in 2016. Over half — 63 percent — were in such classes at least 80 percent of the time. That's up roughly 6 percent from a

decade prior. – Disability Scoop – February 19, 2019 – (National) - <https://is.gd/bDFsze>

40. “Autistic Children More Likely to Face Maltreatment: Study” - Parents, take note. If your child is suffering from autism spectrum disorder (ASD) then you have to be more cautious, as a new study has suggested they are more likely to face maltreatment than normal children. - daijiworld.com – February 16, 2019 – (New York) - <https://is.gd/gAqi7o>

41. “Catholic Higher Ed Wants To Be 'Part Of The Solution' To Sex Abuse Crisis” - After the release of the [Pennsylvania grand jury report last summer](#), Thomas Mengler, president of St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas, sat down and wrote his archbishop a letter, in effect saying, "You need to get ahead of this." – National Catholic Reporter – February 13, 2019 – (Texas) - <https://is.gd/43G8ZA>

IMPROVED SUPPORTS

42. “New ‘Family Recovery Court’ Aims to Protect Vulnerable Children” - A new project launched this week by Allen Superior Court will provide a tool for families, parents and guardians struggling with substance abuse. Family Recovery Court (FRC), funded through a \$15,400 grant from the Indiana Supreme Court and operated by Superior Court’s Family Relations Division, will begin hearing cases on Thursday, Feb. 14. FRC will become only the eighth certified Family Recovery Court in Indiana. – News Sentinel – February 13, 2019 – (Indiana) - <https://is.gd/1cBwsz>

43. “Rockville Parents Build A Rental Complex for Their Son to Share with Other Adults with Disabilities” — and also be part of the community” - Ground broke in October on Main Street, a seven-story, 70-unit apartment building

in Rockville Town Center that will reserve a quarter of its units for adults with disabilities. – The Washington Post – February 12, 2019 – (Maryland) - <https://is.gd/gDbJH6>

44. “Wheelchair rule’ aims to foster friendlier skies for travelers with disabilities” - For instance, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 mandates the development of the Airline Passengers with Disabilities Bill of Rights, a plain-language description of disabled passengers’ existing legal protections. – The Washington Post – February 15, 2019 – (National) - <https://is.gd/lz88pS>

45. “Va. Education Dept. Seeks Input on Seclusion and Restraint of Children in Schools” - The Virginia Department of Education will hold a public hearing on a controversial kind of discipline in public schools next month in Richmond, and seek public comment beginning next week. It's known as seclusion and restraint. Seclusion is placing a child in an isolated room. Restraint is the use of physical holds, or in some cases straps or belts, to control behavior. – WAVY – February 12, 2019 – (Virginia) - <https://is.gd/ULLNTE>

INTERNATIONAL

46. “Almost 4,000 Assaults Reported in Australian Nursing Homes Last Year, Inquiry Told” - The federal health department secretary, Glenys Beauchamp, told the commission on Monday the 2017-18 figure of 3,773 assaults did not include incidents in which a cognitively impaired elderly

person attacked another resident. – The Guardian – February 18, 2019 – (Australia) - <https://is.gd/f7fm1t>

47. “Lollipop Man Admits to Setting Up Camera in School’s Disabled Toilets” - Peter Thompson, 48, of Felixstowe Road, Ipswich, pleaded guilty to one charge of voyeurism and four charges of making indecent photographs of a child when he appeared before Ipswich Magistrates on Tuesday, February 12. – IPSWICH Star – February 13, 2019 – (England) - <https://is.gd/rfud1a>

48. “HC-One Suspends Nine Staff Members Over Abuse Allegations” - An HC-One spokesperson said it had suspended three staff members for an original incident that is under police investigation, as well as a further three for lesser but still “unacceptable” misdemeanors, as well as three management staff. – Care Home Professional – February 13, 2019 – (England) - <https://is.gd/e17anA>

49. “Suspect in Sexual Assault Case Released Pending Trial”- A 58-year-old accused of sexually molesting two young mentally disabled people – aged 14 and 20 – was conditionally released on Monday by a court on the eastern Aegean island of Lesbos pending trial. - ekathimerini.com – February 25, 2019 – (Greece) - <https://is.gd/tOeQfj>

50. “Israel Justice System Let Down Abuse Victims, It’s Time To Do The Right Thing” - The case of Malka Leifer, the Israeli woman wanted in Australia on 74 charges of sexual abuse including allegedly raping several female students when principal of the ultra-Orthodox Hasidic Adass Israel School in Melbourne in the early 2000s, is becoming increasingly farcical and is harming Israel’s international reputation as a vibrant democracy with a

functioning judiciary. – The Jerusalem Post – February 18, 2019 – (Jerusalem) - <https://is.gd/9AQGWD>

51. “Investigations Launched into Ministry of Health's Care for People with Intellectual Disabilities” - The Ombudsman is launching two investigations into the Ministry of Health's handling of people with intellectual disabilities. One will look into the quality of the data collected on the deaths of people with intellectual disabilities under District Health Boards (DHB) care. Another investigation will look into facilities and service, which Mr. Boshier said will help better understand pressure points within the system. – Newshub- February 21, 2019 – (New Zealand) - <https://is.gd/kATCDv>

52. “MLA Calls IWK’s Treatment Of Suicidal Boy ‘Unacceptable’” - “I’ve asked for help repeatedly in the last 48 hours and not receiving that help and I feel like if he dies this weekend, I have no choice but to just sit back and let it happen because I keep asking you for help and you keep sending me home.” – The Chronicle Herald – February 13, 2019 – (Nova Scotia) - <https://is.gd/nHvoVC>

53. “ANC Councilor Held After Mentally Disabled Teen's Rape” - He said police were investigating the rape of a 14-year-old mentally disabled girl as well as the attempted rape of another young woman. – IOL.COM – February 13, 2019 –(South Africa) - <https://is.gd/7zV8l2>

54. “Man With Aspergers Wins Payout from Police After Being Wrongfully Handcuffed and Detained in Van” - James Henderson, 39, was awarded an undisclosed sum after police watchdogs found officers should not have handcuffed him, he had been wrongfully detained, and the force had deleted bodycam footage it should have retained. – Examiner Live – February 16, 2019 – (United Kingdom) - <https://is.gd/Y9tZM7>

MISCELLANEOUS

55. "Woman with Autism Admitted to Florida Bar, Becoming "First Openly-Autistic Lawyer," Employer Says" - Moss is now practicing law with a focus on health care and international matters. She plans to continue writing and creating art while being a lawyer, and her goal is to inspire others with her success. – CBS News – February 19, 2019 – (Florida) - <https://is.gd/bxyKNM>
56. "Mattel Is Launching Barbies with Physical Disabilities, Including One That Uses A Wheelchair" - In other words, Barbie continues to look more and more like you and me instead of the one-note blonde, blue-eyed, one body-type option (which isn't to say blonde hair and blue eyes isn't totally gorgeous, too). The world has come a long, long way since it's defined beauty the way it did when Barbie first came out in 1969, and it's super cool to see Mattel trying to keep up with what the world actually looks like. – Bustle – February 13, 2019 – (National) - <https://is.gd/2MurG1>
57. "Autistic Boy Writes A Poem About How 'Odd' He Is and Leaves People in Tears" - But Benjamin says the most special thing to come from his work is receiving letters from people who live with autism telling him how empowered and inspired they were by his words. – Pretty 52 – February 18, 2019 – (National) - <https://is.gd/79DsHN>