

# 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:**

Emotional/Verbal: 9

Human Trafficking: 14

Sexual Assault: 1, 3, 4, 6, 7

Physical Abuse: 13, 15

Financial abuse: 10, 11, 20

Murder: 5, 16, 17

Death: 12

Related to special education: 1, 6, 9

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**WINNER of most egregious award:** 29: Budget cuts lead to death of people with disabilities.

**WHO DUN IT** (listed by article number):

Family: 4, 17

Attorney: 20

Educator: 10

Stranger: 3, 5, 7, 15

Co-student: 6

Co-resident: 14

Men: 1, 3m 4, 6, 15, 17,20

Women: 10, 13, 14

**Good News:** 22: Minimum wage proposed for workers with disabilities; 25: reversal of murder trial verdict pending; 26: Glint children with be tested for developmental disabilities caused by the lead in the water crisis; 32: federal judge has granted class action status to a lawsuit brought on behalf of Ohioans with intellectual and developmental disabilities; 33: no abortions allowed when fetus shows Down syndrome; 34: U.S. Dept. of Education finds Texas violated special education laws, correction plan ordered.

**Bad News:** 2: Personal data of clients exposed by DDS computer hacking; 9: staff at state hospital assaulted by patients; 23: prior abuser to get reinstated in job caring for others; 29: Woman with disabilities dies under state care due to severe budget cuts in New Jersey; 39: Special education students more frequently disciplined and/or suspended.

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## ABUSE & NEGLECT

1. "Special Education Aide Arrested on Suspicion of Possessing Child Pornography." A special education aide at Ulysses S. Grant High School in the San Fernando Valley was arrested on suspicion of possession of child pornography. --- nbclosangeles.com, April 6 (California) <https://is.gd/CVwxJz>
2. "California says private data for 600,000 people exposed." The Department of Developmental Services, which provides services and supports to people with developmental disabilities, said Friday that the confidential information may have been seen during a Feb. 11 break-in at one of its Sacramento buildings. --- scpr.org, April 6 (California) <https://is.gd/smNza5>
3. "GPD: Man rapes woman in motorized wheelchair." A Gainesville man was arrested Sunday after police say he knocked a woman out of her motorized wheelchair, forced her to the ground and raped her. ---gainesville.com, April 10 (Florida) <https://is.gd/fihUrx>
4. "With communication method debunked, charges against autistic boy's father are dropped." The state dropped all charges Thursday against Jose Cordero, the Hialeah father accused of molesting his 7-year-old special needs son. --- miamiherald.com, April 5 (Florida) <https://is.gd/LQrVDk>
5. "Killer gets life in prison in shooting of elderly man in wheelchair." From a phone inside state prison, Bianca Spera told her boyfriend about something she heard from another prisoner. --- tbo.com, April 6 (Florida) <https://is.gd/HubySh>
6. "Police investigating alleged sex assault involving student with disabilities." Police are investigating an alleged sexual assault involving a high school student from Cobb County. Channel 2's Chris Jose obtained a Kennesaw police report on Monday that shows a sexual assault was reported last December at Kennesaw Mountain High School. --- wsbtv.com, April 9

(Georgia) <https://is.gd/gCMAIm>

7. "Charge: Handicapped woman raped." A Fort Wayne man is charged with raping an uncommunicative, handicapped woman Monday. Jared Lance Haynes, also known as Lance Carswell, 48, visited the woman's family about 7 p.m. Monday He said he was going to a gas station and asked whether he could take the woman with him, according to documents filed in Allen Superior Court. --- journalgazette.net, April 12 (Indiana) <https://is.gd/YXXzxF>
8. "Disability Rights Iowa under fire from union." Disability Rights Iowa, the federally-funded private attorneys group, is coming under fire from the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees following an assault of staff an escape at the Boys State Training School in Eldora. --- tamatoledonews.com, April 6 (Iowa) <https://is.gd/cd5rlx>
9. "Educators fired after mocking autistic student in audio recording." A Hope Academy school employee was fired and another will be terminated when school lets out for the summer after an audio recording captured them saying inappropriate things about a special needs student. --- ktbs.com, April 11 (Louisiana) <https://is.gd/sG6vlw>
10. "UNL professor arrested for felony vulnerable adult abuse." A University of Nebraska professor was arrested Thursday for allegedly transferring over \$80,000 of her mother's money into her personal bank account. The woman's mother suffers from Alzheimer's. --- 1011now.com, April 6 (Nebraska) <https://is.gd/kjNonB>
11. "They Did 30 Years for Someone Else's Crime. Then Paid for It.." The state of North Carolina paid \$750,000 to Henry McCollum in 2015 to compensate him for the 30 years that he, an innocent man, spent on death row. Seven months later, he was broke. Mr. McCollum, who is intellectually disabled, then began borrowing money at 38 percent interest. He kept his financial plight hidden from friends and supporters from his death row years. ---

nytimes.com, April 6 (North Carolina) <https://is.gd/VAFqSI>

12. "Man in wheelchair trapped by flames, dies in house fire." A man who died in an Ohio house fire had called 911 to report that he was trapped by the flames and could not get his wheelchair to an exit. --- nbc4i.com, April 5 (Ohio) <https://is.gd/yuU74D>
13. "Reading police say staff member attacked resident of group home." A staff member of a local behavioral health agency attacked a resident at a group home in Reading last week, police said. Mikayla L. Jenkins, 19, of West Lawn was arrested Wednesday and charged with aggravated and simple assault, reckless endangerment, strangulation and harassment. --- readingeagle.com, April 6 (Pennsylvania) <https://is.gd/fGld3H>
14. "Teen accused of trafficking underage girl from Newport group home." A young woman is accused of trafficking an underage girl from their group home in Newport. --- providencejournal.com, April 9 (Rhode Island) <https://is.gd/TcbAwN>
15. "He attacked woman in a wheelchair, and the postal worker who tried to help, police say." A South Carolina man was "going crazy" when he attacked a woman in a wheelchair and a number of other people during a neighborhood rampage Sunday, witnesses say. --- thestate.com, April 9 (South Carolina) <https://is.gd/fUkNAc>
16. "Authorities ID man killed when wheelchair struck by semi." Authorities have identified a man who died when the motorized wheelchair in which he was riding was struck by a semitrailer in Miller. The Highway Patrol says 80-year-old Donald Simpson was in an intersection crosswalk when he was struck by the semi, which was making a turn off state Highway 45 and onto U.S. Highway 14. --- ksfy.com, April 9 (South Dakota) <https://is.gd/ThSXJC>
17. "Tennessee father killed his 5-year-old autistic son then hid his body, police say." A Tennessee father admitted to killing his 5-year-old autistic son and hiding his body, law enforcement said, ending hope the boy would be

found alive. --- usatoday.com, April 7 (Tennessee) <https://is.gd/f2EPZX>

## **GUARDIANSHIP**

18. “Guardianship panels have much to do to fix system.” Even as two committees appointed by the state Supreme Court begin the detailed work of coming up with plans to implement reforms to New Mexico’s troubled guardianship system, there are constant reminders that much remains to be done – even after the Legislature approved significant improvements in this year’s session. --- abqjournal.com, April 8 (New Mexico) <https://is.gd/Hj8vIs>
19. “Governor Walker signs Alzheimer's related bills into law.”: On April 3, Governor Scott Walker signed two bills related to Alzheimer’s care into law. --- nbc26.com, April 5 (Wisconsin) <https://is.gd/qQu8Qq>
20. “Beaver Dam attorney loses law license for misappropriating client's funds.” The Wisconsin Supreme Court on Tuesday revoked the law license of a Beaver Dam attorney for misappropriating funds of an individual for whom he had been appointed guardian, along with other professional misconduct. --- madison.com, April 11 (Wisconsin) <https://is.gd/1Ny3yW>

## **LAWS & LEGISLATION**

21. “Student awarded \$7 million in lawsuit for football brain injury.” Grossmont Union High School District has agreed to pay a former student football player and his family \$7.1 million to settle a lawsuit that alleged the boy has permanent brain damage because the coaching staff did not recognize he had a concussion after a game. --- sandiegouniontribune.com, April 6 (California) <https://is.gd/mENewh>

22. "Assembly member Holden's Bill to Address Minimum Wage for Developmental Disabilities Service Providers Passes First Committee." Assemblymember Chris Holden's legislation to address the minimum wage discrepancy for developmental disabilities service providers, Assembly Bill 2623, passed unanimously with bipartisan support in the Assembly Committee for Human Services today. --- pasadenanow.com, April 10 (California) <https://is.gd/SOYyoW>
23. "Two state employees were accused of abusing vulnerable citizens and they both won their jobs back. A proposed Colorado law wants to change that." Twice in the past three years, the state was ordered to reinstate an employee fired after an internal investigation found that the worker had abused one of Colorado's most vulnerable citizens. --- denverpost.com, April 9 (Colorado) <https://is.gd/PpXrBC>
24. "Colorado could allow people — including kids — with autism to use medical marijuana." The proposal passed its first hurdle in the state legislature 12-1. In a clash of deeply felt testimony, parents in tears pleaded with Colorado lawmakers on Friday to pass a bill allowing their children with autism to use medical marijuana as a treatment. --- denverpost.com, April 5 (Colorado) <https://is.gd/DWn2gN>
25. "Evidence proving Louisiana teen's innocence in murder trial withheld, lawyers claim." A legal team has petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court to hear its claim that Louisiana prosecutors withheld evidence for a murder trial that ended in a guilty verdict against an intellectually disabled teenager accused of killing a pizza deliveryman. --- theadvocate.com, April 6 (Louisiana) <https://is.gd/Oe5lep>
26. "Flint Kids Exposed to Lead Will Get State-Funded Developmental Tests." The state of Michigan will pay an estimated \$4 million to test up to 30,000 children in Flint for developmental delays following the lead crisis that began in 2014, lawyers representing families in a lawsuit against education agencies announced Monday. --- buzzfeed.com, April 9

(Michigan) <https://is.gd/q6nGlr>

27. "Steve Wynn Sues Lawyer Over Leering Accusation, Says He's 'Legally Blind'." Could this be a case of blind justice in the works? Embattled casino mogul Steve Wynn has sued attorney Lisa Bloom over sexual harassment accusations leveled at him by a client of Bloom's, saying in part that he couldn't have leered at female dancers at his theater's show because he's "legally blind." --- thewrap.com, April 5 (Nevada) <https://is.gd/ai3gkh>
28. "From a wheelchair, Lowell man's a force for accessibility." In April 2013, Dino Theodore was admitted to the Saints campus of Lowell General Hospital with a fractured hip and femur. It wasn't the typical patient experience. --- lowellsun.com, April 9 (Massachusetts) <https://is.gd/75Yv5H>
29. "N.J. to pay \$1.4M to family of disabled woman who died during 'chaotic' staff cuts." New Jersey has agreed to pay \$1.4 million settlement to the family of a disabled woman who died while under the state's care, in a case that raised concerns about the Christie administration's rush to close public institutions five years ago. --- nj.com, April 9 (New Jersey) <https://is.gd/fDUtkk>
30. "Morgan Stanley Sued for \$9 Million by Blind Man Claiming Inaccessible Websites." A legally blind man in New York has sued Morgan Stanley for negligence, alleging that its online wealth management services are largely inaccessible in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the state's Human Rights Law. --- advisorhub.com, April 6 (New York) <https://is.gd/ULW8at>
31. "Blind woman helps guide successful voting-rights lawsuit against state of Ohio." A lawsuit brought by Disability Rights Ohio has succeeded in requiring Secretary of State Jon Husted's office into providing accessible voting solutions for the blind. --- nbc4i.com, April 12 (Ohio) <https://is.gd/AuEdkO>

32. “Judge grants class-action lawsuit in Ohio disability lawsuit.” A federal judge has granted class action status to a lawsuit brought on behalf of Ohioans with intellectual and developmental disabilities. --- triblive.com, April 6 (Ohio) <https://is.gd/P6pwKz>
33. “Down syndrome abortion ban on the fast-track for Pa. House vote.” House Republicans' latest attempt to restrict women's access to abortion - this time dressed up as a disability rights bill - is on the fast-track to a vote in the state House of Representatives. --- pennlive.com, April 9 (Pennsylvania) <https://is.gd/O99hmd>
34. “U.S. Department of Education reports Texas Education Agency violated special education law.” The Texas Education Agency released a comprehensive draft strategic plan March 19 in response to a Jan. 11 report in which the U.S. Department of Education found the TEA failed to ensure all special education students in the state were given access to services. --- communityimpact.com, April 9 (Texas) <https://is.gd/hV4yDH>
35. “With his lawsuit finished, a Utah boy with Down syndrome can return to the Boy Scouts — but, right now, he doesn’t want to.” Although Logan Blythe’s family recently dropped its lawsuit against the Boy Scouts of America, don’t expect the 15-year-old to put his uniform back on anytime soon. --- sltrib.com, April 5 (Utah) <https://is.gd/kqOb2Z>
36. “Teen with Down syndrome booted from Alaska Airlines flight after vomiting.” One woman is accusing Alaska Airlines of disability discrimination after the carrier deplaned her teenage brother with Down syndrome ahead of a flight from St. Louis to Seattle because he vomited “a little” after boarding. --- foxnews.com, April 6 (Washington) <https://is.gd/yDZaIT>
37. “Fond du Lac woman headed to DC to advocate for disability rights.” From Fond du Lac to Washington, DC, Emily Jandura is ready to continue advocating for disability rights. --- wbay.com, April 11 (Wisconsin)

<https://is.gd/xxRJGp>

## STUDIES & STATISTICS

38. “An Iowa autistic teen is missing. This is why it's a common problem for families.” When Jennifer James heard about a north Iowa autistic teen who went missing over the weekend, she couldn't help but think of her own son Matthew, a 15-year-old with autism who has wandered off several times. -- - cbs19.tv, April 12 <https://is.gd/1tqfju>
39. “Federal Watchdog: Students with Disabilities More Frequently Disciplined.” A new government analysis finds that students with disabilities face a greater likelihood of suspension or arrest no matter what type of school they attend or how wealthy its student body is. --- disabilityscoop.com, April 9 <https://is.gd/UeQxXh>
40. “Psychiatric Comorbidities Increase Neurologic Disability in Multiple Sclerosis.” Patients with multiple sclerosis (MS) and comorbid psychiatric conditions have increased severity of subsequent neurological disability, according to results published in Neurology. Clinicians should optimize management of psychiatric comorbidities to help mitigate disability progression in these patients. --- neurologyadvisor.com, April 9 <https://is.gd/6UXRXO>
41. “Magnetic Seizure Therapy Safe and Effective for Treatment-Resistant Schizophrenia.” Magnetic seizure therapy (MST) shows promise for clinical efficacy with no significant cognitive side effects in patients with treatment-resistant schizophrenia (TRS), according to a recent study published in Frontiers in Psychiatry. --- psychiatryadvisor.com, April 6 <https://is.gd/eXOLpy>
42. “Number, severity of brain injuries raises dementia risk.” A large study offers more evidence of a link between traumatic brain injuries and

dementia later in life, with repeated injuries and severe ones posing the greatest danger. --- nypost.com, April 10 <https://is.gd/sZSJEy>

43. “Very High Risk of Substance Use, Mood Disorders in Schizophrenia.” Individuals diagnosed with schizophrenia have a high and persistent risk for subsequent substance use or mood disorders, results of a large population-based study show. --- medscape.com, April 9 (Italy) <https://is.gd/ilFX58>

## IMPROVED SUPPORTS

44. “We know about the gender pay gap. But what about the disability pay gap?” Forcing companies to disclose their gender pay gap has been like pulling back the curtain. For the first time, we’re seeing the real picture behind the often-secretive world of pay: one in which every industry from academia and local councils to FTSE companies is underpaying women. --- theguardian.com, April 11 <https://is.gd/BS6OUm>
45. “Secret Teacher: my school dumbs down learning for students with special needs.” I work in a school for children with social and emotional difficulties. Many have been excluded from or struggled to cope in mainstream education. --- theguardian.com, April 6 <https://is.gd/dmyqV5>
46. “Wage hike cuts into services for Tucsonans with intellectual, developmental challenges.” Housing and services for people with developmental and intellectual disabilities have become harder to find and less affordable throughout Arizona, an “unintended consequence” of recent minimum-wage increases. --- tucson.com, April 7 (Arizona) <https://is.gd/is8l4J>
47. “Wage hike cuts into services for people with intellectual, developmental challenges.” Housing and services for people with developmental and intellectual disabilities have become harder to find and less affordable throughout Arizona, an "unintended consequence" of the recent minimum

wage increase. --- azdailysun.com, April 9 (Arizona) <https://is.gd/RNoxly>

48. “Corporal Punishment Lives On: Students Nationwide Are Being Paddled, Restrained.” Immediately following the massive student walkout to protest gun violence on March 14, I was stunned to read an article about three students who had been paddled -- literally smacked on the backside with a wooden bat -- for participating in the protest. --- truth-out.org, April 9 (Arkansas) <https://is.gd/iOCVP4>
49. “County Panel on ‘Voting in America’ – Barriers for Disabled, Underprivileged.” Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder County Clerk Dean C. Logan invites citizens and media to “Voting in America,” a panel discussion on the barriers to voting for the disabled and underprivileged communities, set for the University of Southern California on Tuesday, April 10 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. --- scvnews.com, April 10 (California) <https://is.gd/hm8jCG>
50. “Brookfield develops new special education leadership model.” The district has appointed two veteran educators as supervisors of special education. -- - newstimes.com, April 5 (Connecticut) <https://is.gd/U6LOJK>
51. “Pinwheels for prevention of child abuse.” Dozens of blue and silver pinwheels glimmered beneath the sun outside of city hall on Thursday. The annual pinwheel garden is a sign of hope and unity within the community as part of the Prevent Child Abuse Chapter of Madison County's annual child abuse awareness event. --- heraldbulletin.com, April 6 (Indiana) <https://is.gd/YIPLOU>
52. “Social workers say company hasn’t paid up.” A group of social workers hired to provide support for the most vulnerable in our communities, say they have been left high and dry by their company, 1st Priority Services. --- cbs4indy.com, April 5 (Indiana) <https://is.gd/iKSK8a>
53. “Q-C Times 'Big Story': Budget Woes for Special Education Agency.” For this week’s Big Story in the Quad-City Times, reporter Barb Ickes takes a deep

dive into the Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency, which provides special education resources to some Iowa school districts in the Quad Cities. --- wvik.org, April 7 (Iowa) <https://is.gd/AYpkPS>

54. “Iowa Deaf community comes together in support of sexual assault survivors.” The Iowa Deaf community came together on Sunday afternoon to kick off National Crime Victims Rights Week. The Deaf Iowan's Against Abuse organization hosted "Heels for Hope" at the Elks Lodge in Rock Island. --- wqad.com, April 9 (Iowa) <https://is.gd/cEmwAh>
55. “NAELA Joins Brief Supporting Suit Against Administration's Approval of Kentucky's Medicaid Waiver That Imposes Work Requirements and Other Detrimental Policies.” Last Friday, NAELA together with AARP, AARP Foundation, Justice in Aging, and the Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF) submitted a brief in the case against the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for approving a waiver of the Medicaid rules in Kentucky (Case 1:18-cv-00152-JEB, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia). --- benzinga.com, April 9 (Kentucky) <https://is.gd/vbcEpN>
56. “New Tool in Investigating Child Abuse Cases Could Lead to 'False Negatives'.” When a suspected case of child abuse or neglect in Maine is reported to the state, it is the state's job to decide whether to open an investigation. A year ago, the Maine Office of Child and Family Services started using a new tool to help caseworkers make these decisions. --- mainepublic.org, April 6 (Maine) <https://is.gd/RhMLF1>
57. “Lillian Doughty, helping Mainers with disabilities one job at a time.” In the past, some disabled job seekers applied for any position they could find. It didn't matter if they were interested in training animals more than serving food or better suited to work outside than in an office. If there was an open job, they were nudged toward it. --- sunjournal.com, April 8 (Maine) <https://is.gd/yuCVEA>

58. "Special school caters to students with learning disabilities." A woman in Sykesville has started a special school for first- through eighth-grade students who have learning disabilities. --- wbaltv.com, April 6 (Maryland) <https://is.gd/GFbGEt>
59. "Police Adds Social Worker as Mental Health Calls Rise." A Minnesota police department has hired a social worker to help de-escalate situations as mental health calls rise. Minnesota Public Radio reports that social worker Megan Schueller has been helping Rochester police handle mental health issues through the department's pilot program that launched last year. --- usnews.com, April 7 (Minnesota) <https://is.gd/Of99sF>
60. "Southwest metro schools would receive more special education funding under proposed plan." Under a proposed plan from Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton, schools in the southwest metro will receive up to \$253,000 more in fiscal year 2019 for special education funding. --- swnewsmedia.com, April 12 (Minnesota) <https://is.gd/jAcTTS>
61. "'It's a crisis situation:' Underfunded special education mandates cost district \$11.7M." The St. Cloud school district plans to spend about \$31 million this school year on special education. But more than \$11 million of that will not be provided from federal or state funds. Instead, the district will tap its general fund for those special education costs --- sctimes.com, April 10 (Minnesota) <https://is.gd/lgP6QD>
62. "Airport employees get training on how to assist travelers with autism." Adonis Capa makes sure he sets a daily routine for his 12-year-old autistic son, Malachi, with eating, bathing and doing chores. But Capa wanted to expand his knowledge on Friday by attending a 90-minute class aimed at instructing employees at Clark County's network of airports on how to assist travelers with autism. --- reviewjournal.com, April 6 (Nevada) <https://is.gd/bnkOft>
63. "Letter: Of handicapped parking, and common decency." NorthJersey.com reporter Gene Myers' column on the growing need for handicapped

parking stalls is compelling. He describes the thoughtlessness of able-bodied individuals ignoring the law and commandeering handicapped stalls for their own personal convenience. This places unnecessary obstacles in the way of the disabled, possibly putting them at risk. --- northjersey.com, April 6 (New Jersey) <https://is.gd/5EmYoe>

64. “Trevyan Rowe a potent symbol of serious special ed crisis at City School District.” Festering discord and a series of high-level departures have dropped the Rochester City School District's special education department, never a model of stability, to a new level of dysfunction in the last several months. --- democratandchronicle.com, April 6 (New York) <https://is.gd/sF1nVZ>
65. “Shutter island: At Rikers, people with mental illness fall through the cracks over and over again.” If all goes according to plan, the city will soon begin shutting down Rikers Island. For New York's huge — and growing — population of prisoners with mental illness, this should be welcome news. -- - nydailynews.com, April 8 (New York) <https://is.gd/5gmRec>
66. “What went wrong with RCSD this year?” A decision by the Rochester City School District to eliminate 20 positions this year is at the root of the district's special education problems. --- democratandchronicle.com, April 6 (New York) <https://is.gd/WflqL4>
67. “Dozens of Oregon Districts Failing on Special Education Goals.” Dozens of Oregon school districts continue to fall short of federally monitored goals for students receiving special education services, according to a new federal report. --- kuow.org, April 6 (Oregon) <https://is.gd/nR6CRO>
68. “Disability rights leaders say state prison may miss target for reforms.” An Oregon prison facility housing mentally ill inmates isn’t fixing problems fast enough to meet a timeline agreed to by the state, according to a report released by a watchdog group. --- registerguard.com, April 10 (Oregon) <https://is.gd/kCr25u>

69. “More than surviving: Brain injury patient, mother navigate maze to get care.” After more than a decade managing the care of her daughter following a traumatic brain injury, there’s one image that sums up the complicated, confusing, convoluted and time-consuming process for Rebecca Conway: a maze. --- [goupstate.com](http://goupstate.com), April 7 (South Carolina) <https://is.gd/CshVxw>
70. “Strategic Behavioral Health's sanctions in five states.” Strategic Behavioral Health, a for-profit company in Memphis, Tennessee, has had nine immediate jeopardy violations at four facilities in Colorado, North Carolina and Texas since 2014, along with other serious actions in other states. --- [madison.com](http://madison.com), April 8 (Tennessee) <https://is.gd/cypmOY>
71. “As parents of disabled adults grow old, they can grow desperate too.” To most of us, it's unthinkable that a loving parent might wish — might-pray — to outlive a cherished son or daughter. It's horrifying to imagine a parent making sure of it by murdering that child. --- [dallasnews.com](http://dallasnews.com), April 12 (Texas) <https://is.gd/1aAsKV>
72. “Cordon Cool Cooking School for Autistic Students caters its first luncheon.” Cordon Cool Cooking School is the newest vocational program offered by the Next Step Academy, a day therapy and education center for individuals on the Autism spectrum. --- [chron.com](http://chron.com), April 9 (Texas) <https://is.gd/DHb7rw>
73. “How to Put Ethics into Texas’ Draft Special Education Plan.” Parents and teachers have until April 18 to email comments on the state’s draft plan to overhaul special education, as Texas tries to reform its services after more than a decade of denying children access. --- [houstonpublicmedia.org](http://houstonpublicmedia.org), April 8 (Texas) <https://is.gd/if7xNp>
74. “Mom founds nonprofit to help people with Down syndrome, hoping to help new mothers.” Axel Brock prefers engaging with the world from his back where he can grab his little toes and let loose a tiny version of a

Chewbacca roar in his home near Wichita Falls. --- timesrecordnews.com, April 7 (Texas) <https://is.gd/l4Q5gK>

75. “Wenatchee Valley police officials to hold vulnerable persons registry.” Wenatchee Police, East Wenatchee Police, Chelan County Sheriff’s Office and Douglas County Sheriff’s Office will be hosting a joint event at Pybus Public Market Saturday, April 21 for families and caregivers of vulnerable persons. --- ifiberone.com, April 12 (Washington) <https://is.gd/HQ8L0m>

## INTERNATIONAL

76. “WA man 'sexually attacked' impaired people.” Five mentally impaired people have allegedly been sexually assaulted and indecently recorded by a man in Western Australia. During an investigation into the alleged sexual assault of a woman aged in her 20s, Kalgoorlie detectives identified four other victims aged in their 30s, resulting in a search of the man's Lamington home on Wednesday. --- 9news.com.au, April 12 (Australia) <https://is.gd/zauZR5>
77. “Judge releases fatality inquiry report into death of mentally handicapped woman.” A report into the death of a mentally handicapped woman who was neglected by her family is making 13 recommendations, including better funding and programs for people with disabilities. --- reddeeradvocate.com, April 5 (Canada) <https://is.gd/4r2at5>
78. “Schizophrenia, Caregivers and Mental Health Education.” It's hard to meet the needs of those impacted by this disorder when too many education programs fall short of equipping professionals and the public. --- huffingtonpost.ca, April 6 (Canada) <https://is.gd/liA3ys>
79. “Ontario moves ahead with community services privatization scheme.” What’s needed is for governments to provide community services with adequate funding. And a first step would be to ask the wealthy and large

corporations to pay their share of taxes — instead of allowing them to profit from the misfortune of others by investing in social impact bonds. --- nupge.ca, April 9 (Canada) <https://is.gd/6UXRXO>

80. “More than a million Canadians could have fetal alcohol spectrum disorder: study.” A report released on Tuesday by the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health upends current estimates of the prevalence of FASD prevalence in Canada to date. The results are based on a survey of 2,555 seven- to nine-year-olds in the Greater Toronto Area, one of the largest sample sizes used in a Canadian study and according to the team’s lead researcher, Dr. Svetlana Popova, the first survey reflective of Canada’s diverse population. --- edmontonjournal.com, April 10 (Canada) <https://is.gd/fiVung>
81. “Former adult care facility operators charged after woman in their care found 'abandoned'.” Two caregivers have been charged in connection with the alleged neglect of a 63-year-old woman in their care. Niagara Regional Police Service were called to a home in Thorold, Ont. in the area of Pine Street North and Townline Road West on Wednesday, when they found a woman who was allegedly being locked in a room against her will. --- cbc.ca, April 12 (Canada) <https://is.gd/3NPotp>
82. “Intellectually-disabled boy found bound and mutilated in China.” A man has been arrested for the murder of a 15-year-old boy with learning difficulties whose mutilated body was found tied to a pole in a village in northern China. --- scmp.com, April 6 (China) <https://is.gd/Wspnpi>
83. “Lagging decades behind on autism care, France plays catch-up.” When Gaspard Bigand was 3 years old, his pre-school teachers labeled him “different.” But his parents got zero advice from the French education or health care systems, and it took two years for him to be diagnosed with autism. --- dailyjournal.net, April 5 (France) <https://is.gd/dAAa9v>
84. “Pressure on government to review Ghana’s Disability Law.” Government is being accused of relegating the concerns of Persons with disability to the

back-burner following its failure to give attention to several calls to review the persons with disabilities Act 715, 2006, which is deficient in many aspects. --- newsghana.com.gh, April 7 (Ghana) <https://is.gd/3fEW4r>

85. “Handicapped man gets aid after video of wife carrying him goes viral.” Mathura, Apr 6 (PTI) Two days after the video of a woman carrying her differently-abled husband on her back to obtain a disability certificate went viral, the district administration has rushed in to provide a helping hand to the couple., April 7 (India) <https://is.gd/v7GkKl>
86. “Gang-raped and left without a voice: Living with disability in India.” In 2014, a 23-year-old woman with cerebral palsy was allegedly gang-raped and thrown from the rooftop in the eastern Indian state of West Bengal. --- cnn.com, April 6 (India) <https://is.gd/nHKtaQ>
87. “Mentally retarded man lynched in Nashik.” An irate mob allegedly beaten to death a mentally retarded man who allegedly murdered two people, including a woman, on Friday night at Vanjul Pada village in Surgana taluka of the district. --- uniindia.com, April 7 (India) <https://is.gd/y7BCPb>
88. “Inaccessible Louvre Exhibit Highlights Ongoing Challenges for Persons Living with Disabilities in Iran.” A popular exhibition by the Louvre Museum in Paris at the National Museum of Iran has come under criticism because it is inaccessible to people living with disabilities. --- iranhumanrights.org, April 7 (Iran) <https://is.gd/ofYsm8>
89. “Mentally Ill Man Allegedly Spent 20 Years Inside A Cage, Father Arrested.” Police arrested 73-year-old Yoshitane Yamasaki on suspicion of imprisoning his son, now aged 42, at their house in the city of Sanda in Hyogo prefecture --- ndtv.com, April 7 (Japan) <https://is.gd/zTFqXl>
90. “Bigger school for special kids in 2020.” THE Penang Welfare Association for Mentally Retarded Children school branch in Relau is expected to be ready by 2020. --- thestar.com., April 6 (Malaysia) <https://is.gd/4orLLM>

91. "Disability inclusion: Political participation." Persons with intellectual disabilities continue to be deprived of their right to vote. States should adopt all measures to effectively guarantee the right to political participation for persons with disability --- thehimalayantimes.com, April 9 (Nepal) <https://is.gd/nuove1>
92. "Christchurch family claims intellectually disabled daughter in India 'brainwashed' by boyfriend." They're questioning how 24-year-old Jessica Doody of Christchurch was able to change her name and travel overseas, despite an earlier court ruling that she was naive and vulnerable. --- tvnz.co.nz, April 6 (New Zealand) <https://is.gd/KHEOtI>
93. "Shutter-down in Chichawatni after 'rape', murder of mentally retarded girl." A complete shutter-down strike was observed in Chichawatni tehsil of Sahiwal district on Tuesday against the cold-blooded murder of an eight-year-old mentally retarded girl, after alleged sexual assault. --- arynews.tv, April 10 (Pakistan) <https://is.gd/cTftCB>
94. "Carer who 'selfishly exploited' vulnerable Leamington woman avoids jail." A former carer who repeatedly stole small sums of money as she 'selfishly exploited' a vulnerable Leamington woman has avoided jail. --- leamingtoncourier.co.uk, April 6 (UK) <https://is.gd/IsUcAQ>
95. "Mentally unwell woman has disability benefits stopped because assessor failed to turn up to home visit." A mentally ill woman has had her disability benefits stopped because her assessor failed to turn up to a home visit, leaving her unable to buy basic groceries and suffering high levels of anxiety. --- independent.co.uk, April 8 (UK) <https://is.gd/qLZvq7>
96. "Children's care home worker 'indecently assaulted a teenager in his bedroom, during day trips and had sex with him at her home'." A woman who worked at a children's home indecently assaulted an underage resident in his bedroom, during day trips and had sex with him at her home, a court has heard. --- dailymail.co.uk, April 9 (UK) <https://is.gd/ou9x9N>

## MISCELLANEOUS

97. “John Krasinski Insisted Deaf Actress Be Cast In ‘A Quiet Place’.” In an interview with The Hollywood Reporter, screenwriters Bryan Woods and Scott Beck say that actor John Krasinski insisted that the deaf daughter character in their new film, “A Quiet Place,” be cast with a deaf actress. --- huffingtonpost.com, April 8 <https://is.gd/TuCPR9>
98. “Is medical insanity different from legal insanity?” If a person is mentally ill, does he automatically get absolved? --- timesofindia.indiatimes.com, April 8 (India) <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/is-medical-insanity-different-from-legal-insanity/articleshow/63664948.cms>
99. “Steve Harvey’s Wife Marjorie Under Fire for Using the Word ‘Retarded’ On Social Media.” The talk show host jumped to his wife's defense asking "it's a word, ain't it?" --- hellobeautiful.com, April 6 <https://is.gd/At88IK>
100. “Father on 'Atypical,' Michael Rapaport, Uses the R-Word to Insult People on Twitter.” Following an article published Monday in the The Root about actor and comedian Michael Rapaport likening Kenya Moore from “Real Housewives of Atlanta” to a gorilla and calling her “ashy,” The Mighty received a tip that pointed to Rapaport’s tweets using the R-word and “special needs” as an insult. --- themighty.com, April 6 <https://is.gd/cGAIEU>
101. “Sesame Street turns to Kickstarter to fund autism book.” Julia is Sesame Street’s first autistic character and her mission is to make neuroatypical kids feel more comfortable and understand that there are kids out there just like them. She’s a sweet little muppet and now she’s getting her own Kickstarter campaign. --- techcrunch.com, April 10 <https://is.gd/6TRPWB>