







The 2012 National Survey on Abuse of People with SurveyMonkey Disabilities

How often have you or a family member with a disability experienced abuse?

		Response Percent	Response Count
One time		7.3%	269
More than once but less than ten times		28.7%	1,063
About ten times		3.9%	143
Between 20-40 times		5.6%	209
Too many to times to count		21.1%	781
This question doesn't apply to me		34.2%	1,268
	Comment		490
	answered question		3,703
	skipped question		3,586

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1	Both as a child and then an adult -- more often in childhood.	Nov 15, 2012 10:45 AM
2	Can't answer. They used her in porn photos. have no idea how often	Nov 15, 2012 8:41 AM
3	This is a subtle type of challenge that after a while I have to work it out the depression/frustration with a therapist.	Nov 15, 2012 8:23 AM
4	just at my job	Nov 15, 2012 7:22 AM
5	I cannot quantify. I can only say from experience working in an institutional setting that it undoubtedly occurred.	Nov 15, 2012 7:07 AM
6	from father	Nov 15, 2012 5:57 AM
7	from a young school age, mostly because of ignorance and subsequent inappropriate handling.	Nov 14, 2012 10:12 AM
8	Every time I end up in the hospital.	Nov 12, 2012 5:13 PM
9	None	Oct 15, 2012 5:13 PM
10	My students were abused for years at the school.	Oct 12, 2012 1:03 PM
11	Unclear if question is requesting number of individual incidents or periods of abuse, such as in an abusive relationship	Oct 5, 2012 11:50 AM
12	I have no idea	Oct 4, 2012 9:45 PM
13	At least twice weekly for six years	Oct 4, 2012 2:10 PM
14	abuse has come from "friends", doctors, nurses, overall lack of services and "small town" mentalities where everyone knows everyone and there is no confidentiality	Oct 2, 2012 4:35 AM
15	The person could be impoverished by looking at the disabled person and tormented as a result.	Sep 26, 2012 5:03 PM
16	As far as we are aware	Sep 19, 2012 3:00 PM
17	Never	Sep 18, 2012 9:54 AM
18	There is a hatred of people with disabilities in this country because of the perceived "entitlements" we may receive. One family law attorney told me. "Look. The State of Texas doesn't give a shit about people like you. The State of Texas figures that if you are sick, injured, or disabled then it must be your own damn fault and the State of Texas doesn't give a shit!" The abuse of people with disabilities by workers' compensation insurance companies in California is tied to the hatred above- if money is involved we are generally assumed to be lying about our conditions. The hatred of people with disabilities is all too real. E.G., after telling U.S. Senator Cornyn's office that I was disabled on SSDI and that I needed help with Medicare issues, the staff person person on the phone with me yelled, "What makes you think you're disabled!" after I had just informed her I was granted SSDI by the Social Security Administration.	Sep 16, 2012 4:32 AM

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19	don't know	Sep 10, 2012 4:03 PM
20	Hey people are stupid not educated and not caring for their jobs. Or the government state city county doesn't allow	Sep 7, 2012 1:35 PM
21	It is rather hard to know where to draw the line regarding an instance of abuse or simply emotional hardship. When I consider that this likely refers to the situations that are clear-cut "abusive," no question, it might be as few as ten.	Aug 29, 2012 1:49 AM
22	It's difficult to say when you live in fear. Sometimes it makes you hyper sensitive and avoid people altogether.	Aug 27, 2012 8:47 AM
23	Was also abused at Riverside Poly High School however the Principal acted as more of Union Shop Stewart vs concerned over student's rights.	Aug 26, 2012 4:10 PM
24	One time physically. Many times by kids at school and adults in community settings.	Aug 24, 2012 7:07 PM
25	my mother verbal abused me for almost all of my life, ever since as young deaf teen kid to adult now. She puts me down by saying not very nice names and calling me retarded for no reason, She doesn't understand how complicated life that I lived as deaf person. She doesn't want me to use my voice to speak sametime while I use sign langauge. She said I sounded like an animal. I can control my voice to high or low at will, if she said I talked too loud.	Aug 23, 2012 8:48 PM
26	don't know didn't happen to me, happened to family member	Aug 23, 2012 3:39 PM
27	The duration of my 18 month stay at an "emotional growth" boarding school	Aug 22, 2012 3:23 PM
28	Once she was out of the rehab and hospital, my sisters and I took care of my mother. The therapists that came into the house were wonderful and no further abuse occurred	Aug 20, 2012 4:59 PM
29	A got a lot of verbal and emotional abuse in a previous workplace (a state mental hospital) and was recently verbally abused by an elderly male physician.	Aug 13, 2012 4:52 PM
30	Since 2007, minor child DLB has been abused, neglected, and suffered several serious injuries while in the care of the state. Several injuries, a broken arm, displaced shoulder, numerous suicide attempts resulted in seriously delayed medical care. This child is likely to leave state care in a casket.	Aug 13, 2012 9:01 AM
31	Don't really know. Both the abuser and the abussee may have been prerpurtrating the abuse. it was a very complex situation, with psychiatric issues (both), alcohol, etc.	Aug 13, 2012 5:59 AM
32	Not sure.	Aug 11, 2012 1:20 PM
33	The agency that provides him services has a director that is not doing her job.	Aug 8, 2012 6:10 PM
34	I experienced abuse both when I was a child, and after I got married. The abuse came from my parents when I was a child, and from my wife, my in-laws, my parents and my neighbors in recent years after my marriage.	Aug 7, 2012 9:16 PM
35	I am sure that it happened more times than I care to think about. He could not	Aug 7, 2012 1:54 PM

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	communicate what was happening and I am afraid that I was in denial for a long time about it.	
36	It doesn't apply to me anymore. If someone does or says something abusive, I ignore it or speak to the person. My brother & I don't speak nor do we see each other. No loss for me, his loss	Aug 5, 2012 5:28 PM
37	NA	Aug 4, 2012 2:50 PM
38	My first abuse report was made in 2008; thereafter, the staff member retaliated and hindered my graduation by encouraging other students to not tolerate me, made frivolous reports about me, a bunkum, harassed me repeatedly, allowed students to kick me out of my chair, failed to advance me when I was advancing, giving tests more difficult to make sure I would not pass, lying about her conduct, habitually escalating her stealthy attack to increase to blatant attacks on my credibility and harming my reputation with impunity and systemic complicity.	Aug 3, 2012 12:34 PM
39	that I know of....	Aug 3, 2012 11:41 AM
40	I'm reall unsure but I know it was more then once.	Aug 3, 2012 11:20 AM
41	Don't know.	Aug 3, 2012 10:38 AM
42	Not certain as the bullying was ongoing and not addressed by the school.	Aug 3, 2012 8:22 AM
43	My family member receives abuse from relatives and friends such as not showing respect for the persn with the disability or taking them seriously.	Aug 3, 2012 5:15 AM
44	I complained of discrimination	Aug 2, 2012 8:23 PM
45	my son's dad took him against his will and sent him to live far away form family in a residential facility. The court allowed it even though ex has a felony record but he has alot of money for lawyers	Aug 2, 2012 9:07 AM
46	He was getting picked on at School and hit by other students. School didn't do a lot because they couldn't prove it.	Aug 2, 2012 5:56 AM
47	unknown, prior to my becoming the foster parent, but removed from the home	Aug 1, 2012 1:24 PM
48	Too many to count when he was younger, now not so much because of the way he carries and handles himself.	Aug 1, 2012 11:55 AM
49	I don't know. My daughter is unable to speak or communicate in anyway.	Aug 1, 2012 6:18 AM
50	Unknown	Aug 1, 2012 6:15 AM
51	never	Aug 1, 2012 6:15 AM
52	Hopefully that was the only time but even after I requested to change therapist the school district didnt allow me to come and observe him.	Jul 31, 2012 8:09 PM
53	the second time a group home staff person was throwing pillows at the victim who could not protect himself or communicate; staff member was moved to another group home where he participated in a beating of a resident, was	Jul 31, 2012 4:29 PM

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	arrested, and sent to jail.	
54	Question referes to one member. I have four members with disability.	Jul 31, 2012 12:45 PM
55	Often, but as I said, we didn't know it was abuse. We thought that was the way life was.	Jul 31, 2012 11:28 AM
56	I am not sure how often our brother was abused. He was sexually/physically abused in a group home, and hospitals.	Jul 31, 2012 11:23 AM
57	Because my daughter does not speak it is impossible to say. I am counting only instances that I witnessed or were brought to my attention.	Jul 31, 2012 10:22 AM
58	tHESE ARE VERBAL OR STREET CROSSING EVENTS.	Jul 31, 2012 9:46 AM
59	2nd occurrence at a second daycare, by another child from an abused family made me realize my non-verbal son was not safe in anyone else's care, but my own. Even though our family is struggling financially, my husband and I know our son is safe with us and do not trust anyone to care for our son.	Jul 31, 2012 9:43 AM
60	It was often when my sister was young and in school, but even a few times now that she is an adult.	Jul 31, 2012 7:52 AM
61	more a cultural social bias	Jul 31, 2012 7:49 AM
62	I really don't know, because I don't think my daughter always told me when she was being bullied.	Jul 31, 2012 7:29 AM
63	Would be hard to say. How would you know?	Jul 31, 2012 7:17 AM
64	Unclear to me.	Jul 31, 2012 7:13 AM
65	By regional center, CCS and school district, since the beginning of my daughter's life.	Jul 31, 2012 7:13 AM
66	Not really sure since my son doesn't really speak out for fear of the person leaving or getting in trouble.	Jul 31, 2012 6:39 AM
67	Don't know	Jul 31, 2012 6:19 AM
68	verbal	Jul 31, 2012 5:38 AM
69	I just know one time as she told me when I came in the picture.	Jul 31, 2012 12:44 AM
70	I have had many abuse done to me over the years of all types. 10 is a approx. it is probably more than that by now.	Jul 30, 2012 6:34 PM
71	HAD A lot of caregivers initially because of abuse changes I insisted on and finally, I, REPEAT, I was the one who got kicked off the caregiver service and was without services for many years!!!!!!!!!!	Jul 30, 2012 6:05 PM
72	my bf is often controlled by his mother. She treats him like a child and lies to him all the time.	Jul 30, 2012 1:56 PM

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73	The rape incident occurred once. The verbal/emotional abuse by a different person occurred too many times to count.	Jul 30, 2012 1:10 PM
74	primarily abuse of power and emotional abuse although other abuses have occurred	Jul 30, 2012 12:20 PM
75	The abuse had occurred over a period of time before the agency operating the group home had been informed. That agency took immediate action and the abusers were convicted.	Jul 30, 2012 11:04 AM
76	the other time was questionable. It was from a family member who was 7 years old and our daughter was 4 years old.	Jul 30, 2012 9:53 AM
77	Sexual Abuse 2 times known. Bullying more than 20 times in Elementary and Middle - not high school	Jul 30, 2012 9:05 AM
78	I suspect my daughter could experience abuse and be easily convinced not to talk about it.	Jul 30, 2012 7:37 AM
79	The type of abuse I experienced went on for a number of years. Until I got feed up and confronted my abuser.	Jul 30, 2012 7:22 AM
80	Given the fact that many of the reports we received from school cannot be born out by any sort of facts it is impossible to say. Like telling us he wet his pants, yet they are dry when he got home and didn't smell of urine.	Jul 28, 2012 4:43 PM
81	Another of my caregiver abused me financially too. I was buying my own home, working full-time for the State, & was a single mother of a toddler. I ended up filing bankrupsy, & lost my home I was buying at that time.	Jul 27, 2012 7:09 PM
82	In public and at school.	Jul 27, 2012 2:07 PM
83	This is just an estimate. The individual was a babysitter..	Jul 27, 2012 1:42 PM
84	This happened plenty of times.	Jul 27, 2012 12:13 PM
85	The guardian allows "foster" family to humiliate my daughter because she takes a stool softener to alleviate side effects of her Simvistatin. (cholesterol med) The "foster" dad gets in her face (BIG man) and tells her, "GO AHEAD... HIT ME.... I KNOW YOU WANT TO.... COME ON... HIT ME!" The guardian refused my daughter medical care when her ear hurt so badly that she was screaming in her sleep. Finally, she woke up to find blood and pus all over her pillow (ruptured ear drum) and still it was another 48 hours before the guardian took my daughter to urgent care and got her antibiotics and ear drops. They took her cell I paid for (5 years) away from her and mailed it back to me. She is very social... that was her contact to all her friends and family. She has my home and cell number memorized but, they deny her any phone usage. She has not been allowed to speak to any of her friends, myself.... her maternal family since May 21. We are worried sick for her safety. Oh, she did call me 3 weeks ago while at a summer camp when her boyfriend let her use his cell. The first thing she told me was that she thinks of suicide every day.	Jul 27, 2012 12:08 PM
86	This would be abuse that I learned about, but there have been times the abuse	Jul 27, 2012 10:00 AM

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	occurred that I never learned about, or learned about it much later than the event.	
87	The abuse started with my first day of work, and it ended when I asked to be reassigned.	Jul 26, 2012 5:19 PM
88	i do not remember. a few times, but not sure f the exact number.	Jul 26, 2012 4:08 PM
89	I was abused frequently for over a full year by the staff of the facility where I was housed (FINR - the Florida Institute for Neurological Rehabilitation). Reports of the managers were never acted upon. I was severely punished for making reports.	Jul 26, 2012 12:29 PM
90	Not sure	Jul 26, 2012 9:58 AM
91	People do to ignorance use degrading terms weekly to describe my child i.e." Retardation" It is our role to address it when appropriate.	Jul 26, 2012 7:44 AM
92	unsure, approximate	Jul 26, 2012 5:52 AM
93	My daughter was abused by an school aide so I was not there to know how many times she was abused by her.	Jul 26, 2012 3:39 AM
94	Financial and emotional abuse is ongoing. Mom and kids now live with her parents - else she and they would be homeless. Mom is now going back to college to change careers so she will be able to work at night making enough to support them all.	Jul 26, 2012 12:45 AM
95	Two girls.	Jul 25, 2012 10:08 PM
96	FINR did all sorts of abuse during the 1.5 years my brother was there. Mental, Physical, Verbal	Jul 25, 2012 6:44 PM
97	Do Not Care To Say	Jul 25, 2012 1:18 PM
98	That I know of since my family member communicates with gestures there may be times it has happened and I don't know about it becuae I didn't see any bruises etc.	Jul 25, 2012 1:17 PM
99	Rape: twice very bad but private, plus dozens of times forced to have sex with large child in the bad. Emotional and psychological abuse innumerable times.	Jul 25, 2012 9:11 AM
100	Becuae of my sons mental disability he has been talked to in angry ways by his care givers and by people in genral who do not understand his disability.	Jul 25, 2012 8:37 AM
101	If you include bullying, it is too many times to count. The incidence of some type of physical abuse is probably close to 10 times including sexual assault at her high school by a peer that occured several times and hair pulling, choking and shoving by peers at a group home.	Jul 25, 2012 8:13 AM
102	Tat was the only time but however, he dd go there for about 2 weeks before we knew this	Jul 25, 2012 7:34 AM
103	that I know of	Jul 25, 2012 6:26 AM

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104	It may be more but unless he tells us or his teacher witnessed and then told us we wouldn't know about it. We can tell when something happened at school because of the way he acts after wards.	Jul 25, 2012 5:54 AM
105	3x one bus driver second neighbor and third group home staff	Jul 25, 2012 5:34 AM
106	This question applies to me and not my disabled son. He has never been abused. This comes from my prior relationships and as a child.	Jul 25, 2012 4:51 AM
107	That I know of.	Jul 25, 2012 4:36 AM
108	I was routinely abused from age 5 until age 18. This included being confronted with the hatred of an entire community at age 5, and	Jul 24, 2012 8:12 PM
109	I do not know.	Jul 24, 2012 1:51 PM
110	most forms of abuse were too many times to count; my father is deceased	Jul 24, 2012 10:04 AM
111	i have been through hell and back does not trust anybody at all sick of people preffers pokemon as well as all other types of animals to people animals are not a threat	Jul 24, 2012 9:57 AM
112	Only mild abuse as described above.	Jul 24, 2012 9:44 AM
113	Again abuse can happen daily depending on the situation...	Jul 24, 2012 8:44 AM
114	my friend/chosen family member	Jul 23, 2012 10:09 PM
115	We are still being severly Neglected and I have no idea what to do .	Jul 23, 2012 5:44 PM
116	Once, ongoing for about 3 years.	Jul 23, 2012 11:57 AM
117	Unknown.	Jul 23, 2012 11:51 AM
118	It took a fair while for me to convince my husband to homeschool. Looked online and found that in divorce cases, judges favour public education.	Jul 23, 2012 11:51 AM
119	Bullying has occurred in the school environment, as well as neglect or teasing about his speech sounds sounding different.	Jul 22, 2012 7:23 PM
120	I was abused 3 * as a child	Jul 22, 2012 6:31 PM
121	About ten times.	Jul 22, 2012 2:06 PM
122	Physical Abuse, forced drug overdose, isolation, medicine/food/water/bathroom deprivation	Jul 22, 2012 12:46 PM
123	Emotional/verbal abuse of me by parents and occasionally educators. Being made fun of for traits that are right on the DSM (for autistic disorder) while being told that Aspergers doesn't really exist...	Jul 22, 2012 12:06 PM
124	this has ocured since I was a child with DD,and was abandoned as a child, institutionalized (warehoused), went on to get law degree and have a 10-yr career that ended due to disabilities. I've been beaten, stabbed, taken hostage,	Jul 22, 2012 11:27 AM

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	raped, drugged, labeled a nut though I had no mental illness, once I became too disabled to work. I was locked in a psych ward for 5 days because of speech disabilities (aphasia) after falling down a flight of steps and going to ER. I was given a guard and nothing else, refused to allow me to consult with my doctors or to speak to them, and defensively stuck a PD label in my file to justify what they did. I was threatened with restraints, anti-psychotic injections when I was having an asthma attack (my dx was on record and inhaler in my meds), and for vomiting after. Their stated intent was to put me in my place and force me to behave. I couldn't even stand or walk--they took my braces and wheelchair. I had no food for days and only a bedside toilet and no help or medical care.	
125	On person perpetrated it over a relationship of almost 2 years. Individual incidents too many to count.	Jul 22, 2012 10:03 AM
126	School bullying.	Jul 22, 2012 9:50 AM
127	Probably more than ten but less than 20.	Jul 22, 2012 9:43 AM
128	Major incidents like rape, physical beating, severe psychological abuse probably in the 20-40 range. The other abusive things are relatively mild but not insignificant and caused ongoing stress from their cumulative effect. These things are primarily support staff, boyfriends who are at a minimum disrespectful and rude to her, treating her like a child and yelling at her and threatening punishment if she did not do as she was told (many rights violations), and things like that.	Jul 22, 2012 7:59 AM
129	This is just an estimate. Not accurate.	Jul 19, 2012 2:22 PM
130	3 times	Jul 19, 2012 8:02 AM
131	not aware of all instances	Jul 12, 2012 6:09 AM
132	I don't know for sure	Jul 11, 2012 8:36 PM
133	If nasty hurtful comments count as abuse then the answer is many times	Jul 11, 2012 6:06 PM
134	It is Unknown, but I have my Suspicions that he is still being abused while with his Mother on the Weekends.	Jul 11, 2012 2:09 PM
135	varies with the instances of sexual abuse being restricted to on or two incidences where as the financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult as well as emotional abuse and neglect were both persistent, too many times to count.	Jul 10, 2012 12:10 PM
136	Once by an adaptive pe teacher in middle school. The adaptive p.e teacher was asked not to work with my son after this incident. The next year, I learned that she was employed to provide indirect services to him again, without my knowledge or consent. Once by a special ed teacher in high school.	Jul 10, 2012 10:49 AM
137	husband uses monthly check exclusively for personal gain	Jul 9, 2012 6:25 AM
138	Relates to dementia	Jul 5, 2012 4:40 PM
139	i dont know	Jul 5, 2012 10:29 AM

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140	I can only guess a number of times based on my son's behavior.	Jul 3, 2012 8:33 AM
141	every form of abuse and it began at two hours old in the hospital and continued until age 49. Other than threats and intimidations which still occur.	Jul 2, 2012 7:24 PM
142	weekly sometimes daily	Jul 2, 2012 6:48 PM
143	poor care at one facility as mentioned above, which was abusive in that it sunk to the level of neglect	Jul 2, 2012 8:34 AM
144	by nurses in the hospital ... i would be gone 30 minutes and come back to find my dad's bed cranke so that his head was down way down and his feet way up and they would tell me the bed was stuck. i had to stay around the clock by things like moving his table away so he couldn't reach his phone or juice, treating him roughly when turning. in a hospital you cannot complain or they ttreat you worse and they find little ways to hurt or upset you.	Jul 2, 2012 5:25 AM
145	I try never to be alone with my father. I barricade myself in my bedroom.	Jul 2, 2012 1:44 AM
146	once so far but it lasted for 2-3 months	Jul 1, 2012 7:59 AM
147	increasing over time--as age factors into the targeting my son has experienced in public. He seems to be an easy mark	Jun 30, 2012 12:10 PM
148	During middle and high school	Jun 29, 2012 8:37 PM
149	I'm talking about all the times when I was made fun of as a child by a child. The times when able body adults would say things that were hurtful and think nothing of it. I also had a housemother at a school for the disabled slap me.	Jun 29, 2012 7:23 PM
150	Some abuse or neglect isn't about instances; it's just about life circumstances that are present or absent in the background for an extended period of time.	Jun 29, 2012 10:18 AM
151	This was verbal/ emotional abuse by a boyfriend with a disability in high school	Jun 29, 2012 9:00 AM
152	One job, sexual harassment, reported, several women joined in, supervisor fired next day.	Jun 26, 2012 1:53 PM
153	Only one known incident of physical abuse, more of verbal abuse.	Jun 26, 2012 11:59 AM
154	I don't know how to answer this. Does bullying count? If so, adding it all up amounts to too many times to count. If not, maybe a dozen times.	Jun 25, 2012 9:55 PM
155	I am not sure. It was while my oldest brother was growing up and my dad didn't understand he was not lazy just suffered from epilepsy	Jun 25, 2012 2:07 PM
156	When my 3 year old daughter with autism was screaming when she saw the school entrance, I knew. She was indifferent at first, but then, she became horrified by the presence of school building, personnel. Then, she locked herself in herself to crawl under the tight space to hide...	Jun 25, 2012 7:47 AM
157	None	Jun 25, 2012 7:33 AM
158	Abuse at school by paraprofessionals and ignorant teachers.	Jun 24, 2012 1:47 PM

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159	It is difficult to know how many times given that my son has only been able to communicate in the last 5 years. It is consistent concern. Abusers are opportunistic. I am ready to install cameras but confidentiality of another client is an issue.	Jun 23, 2012 7:50 PM
160	The abuse I experienced before I had a disability.	Jun 22, 2012 4:48 PM
161	Throughout childhood	Jun 22, 2012 1:54 PM
162	I don't know how to answer this. My son hasn't always been verbal so I don't know how many times it has happened to him.	Jun 21, 2012 7:58 PM
163	In reality the alcohol abuse by the birth mother is abuse of the child - even though she may not be aware of it. This leaves brain damage and an emotional damage as well. Our daughter is very verbally abusive herself but has no comprehension that her behavior is not OK - but recognizes the abuse when it happens to her - The thought of her becoming a parent scares the tar out of me!	Jun 21, 2012 7:03 PM
164	I experience abuse in my childhood and my teen years and adult life.	Jun 21, 2012 8:39 AM
165	My son was abused by his kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade teachers. I know of some specific incidents that would number more than 20 times but I don't know about others because he was not able to communicate a lot to me.	Jun 21, 2012 5:46 AM
166	none	Jun 21, 2012 4:03 AM
167	No idea how many times she was sexually abused by her father. Her twin brothers continue to verbally and financially abuse her. It has been reported and investigated. Was told she wasn't a creditable witness. Her mother, her guardian, lies to protect her twins.	Jun 20, 2012 3:21 PM
168	Almost daily as a child. I used to pray nightly to God to help me learn to be "good" but it never worked. As an adult I realize the abuse was based on my mother's emotional state and not related to anything I had done. I was thirty six before I realized that I was not "bad".	Jun 20, 2012 10:12 AM
169	Mostly as a disabled child but more than 10 times since being an adult	Jun 20, 2012 10:09 AM
170	Both by police, once by the judge	Jun 20, 2012 9:21 AM
171	unknown.	Jun 20, 2012 7:50 AM
172	I've learn to report the abuse now the abuse was done when I didn't knw much on physical and emotional abuse	Jun 19, 2012 7:23 AM
173	also sent home daily for 2 years	Jun 19, 2012 7:17 AM
174	This was an ongoing 29 year violent marriage with nine children. We all suffered abuse at the hands of this man. Two of my youngest children have autism and it has been quite a battle to get them to safety.	Jun 18, 2012 7:39 PM
175	That I know of.	Jun 18, 2012 3:03 PM
176	All my life, employers have discrimated against me. Sometimes to the point	Jun 18, 2012 12:07 PM

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	where I am not able to make a living	
177	For a person with high functioning autism, especially one who is now an adult and grew up when the disorder was less well understood, the bullying was constant.	Jun 18, 2012 6:07 AM
178	10 years of marriage and it started subtle makes so it was just constant emotional abuse to where I was so low that I felt it was my fault and didn't realize or didn't want to admit that it was abuse.	Jun 18, 2012 5:35 AM
179	Not really sure.	Jun 18, 2012 5:07 AM
180	unknown	Jun 15, 2012 1:48 PM
181	Unknown	Jun 15, 2012 9:57 AM
182	Some of it is on-going (family), other is sporadic.	Jun 15, 2012 7:35 AM
183	it has happened all of my life, and continues to this day. Until society is taught how to treat people, it will continue.	Jun 14, 2012 7:18 PM
184	numerous instances over 2 years, but all were from same individual	Jun 14, 2012 7:09 PM
185	The abuse occurred several times in mental hospitals or Psych Wards of general hospitals.	Jun 14, 2012 2:54 PM
186	ABUSE can mean many things to different people. Things as minor as charging you more money because it is so easy for you to forget things because of your injury now, or because you get so frustrated when things become too much for you to deal with that you avoid dealing with them. Brain injured people often look normal, but we are not. Also, the charges may not seem like much, but when you are on a fixed income, it adds up really fast.	Jun 14, 2012 2:05 PM
187	Depending on when you start counting. If you start after my disability became clear, it was in the 20-40 region, otherwise too many to count.	Jun 14, 2012 1:28 PM
188	Daily as a young child.	Jun 14, 2012 1:19 PM
189	I am not sure	Jun 14, 2012 12:00 PM
190	After a few incidents, lost trust in authorities and never report again	Jun 14, 2012 10:17 AM
191	really hard to tell due to his past living arrangement and bio parent we adopted him at age nine	Jun 14, 2012 10:16 AM
192	An ongoing problem for years.	Jun 13, 2012 5:33 AM
193	in NM, the direct comment from my Lovelace case manager when I asked for board-certified care and disability care was "if you are really in trouble, you will take what we want to give you." Yes, there was a pro forma complaint process that went nowhere. And yes, that comment kept me from having health care for two years, until I could find an alternative to Lovelace. That alternative did not come until after my husband's death this past winter (among other things, he was in despair over the situation and needed care for himself--which he knew he	Jun 12, 2012 7:43 PM

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wouldn't get either).

194	I do not know how many times my family member has experienced abuse. I can only guess frequently.	Jun 12, 2012 12:54 PM
195	Its a brain injury that you cannot see. It is a midevit RECALL problem. Pleople are afraid of what they don't understand.	Jun 12, 2012 11:17 AM
196	it is almost daily from peers. have requested the school to implement some kind of program to mentor the nondisabled to interact with the disabled so there isnt such a division and the nondisabled kids learn how to interact and realize there isnt any difference between the disabled or nondisabled. kind of an ongoing mentoring program. also made it known how we feel about the tolerance of verbal abuse and the non involvment of staff to allow it or act like they aren't hearing it. also the lack of IEP's getting followed and staff's comments that are rude and bordering on verbal abuse. This has been going on for 8 years...dont see a whole lot changing. the other school she was at was a lot more conscious and willing to discuss with our child and the other children.	Jun 12, 2012 9:59 AM
197	verbal abuse more than sexual abuse. Frequency unknown.	Jun 11, 2012 9:15 PM
198	It's difficult to say how many times abuse has occurred because my son is nonverbal.	Jun 11, 2012 7:52 PM
199	This would include all the above selected abuse categories i.e., sexual, emotional, financial	Jun 11, 2012 7:25 PM
200	Difficult to know for sure but he finally broke down and really expressed the abuse. He has not shown any more trauma since not seeing the source of his abuse for five years.	Jun 11, 2012 6:34 PM
201	I was institutionalized for almost 16 years and nobody cared gave up counting years ago	Jun 11, 2012 3:31 PM
202	Have had 4 incidents since moving to a 'rest home' for seniors, where I was told that we disabled should "find our own places to live" even though such alternatives didn't exist. One of the tenants in the adjacent building made my life a living hell, aided by the others who actually told me their intentions were to drive me out. They tried to get my service dog evicted because he was large (above the limit allowed in such places), tried to poison him, and I still get harried by such people (although I avoid them even if it is inconvenient for me.) Three of the incidents involved home-care workers, and nothing was done about any of them because I was told I needed to tape the abuse to prove it ever happened. I was even dropped from long-term services by an administrator who believed the lying thieving workers over my allegations, but later reinstated by a social worker who vigorously pursued the case - the workers involved confessed to what they did (except for the drug charges). Police did not take any of this seriously - thought I'd just 'misplaced' my money (I had \$2600 stolen over several months before stumping the culprit, who then quit). Or thought nobody would really do such awful things as was done (mainly vicious mischief, such setting the sprinkler on the clothes hanging on a line, or locking the doors whenever I went out, letting the air out of my tires, running my battery dead by turning on my cab or running lights - the parking lot light blinded you so you couldn't tell they were	Jun 11, 2012 2:40 PM

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on, etc.) Or that I wasn't 'competent' on computers and I deleted programs - mind you, I started working on computer operations/programming in 1967. A person who worked on my computer made vicious comments and didn't put the screws back in a new motherboard, so that computer blew up when the motherboard came loose and screw lodged in the fan. Just a constant run of rotten little things that I've never in my life encountered before. Police seem to generally think that if you're disabled, you must be also crazy, demented, or incompetent.

203	...that I am aware of.	Jun 11, 2012 12:02 PM
204	My daughter is non verbal and cannot communicate those experiences. We are not sure what takes place in the school setting.	Jun 11, 2012 8:38 AM
205	One big time. The general low level was many.	Jun 11, 2012 1:13 AM
206	Not sure of the amount of times. But no just a few.	Jun 8, 2012 8:22 AM
207	https://www.facebook.com/groups/282705965159821/ Blog concerning ongoing problems Please friend this discussion group for more info	Jun 7, 2012 2:07 PM
208	lost count over a 15 year relationship and this doesnt include the sexual abuse as a chld that occurred	Jun 7, 2012 1:47 PM
209	details above	Jun 7, 2012 1:38 PM
210	Once for physical, but I was subject to shouting/anger many times.	Jun 7, 2012 10:31 AM
211	Don't know.	Jun 7, 2012 8:02 AM
212	Verbal abuse happens many times either from teachers/principals or bullying from other non disabled peers.	Jun 6, 2012 5:40 PM
213	family member is taken advantage of by so called friends	Jun 6, 2012 4:05 PM
214	The abuse was done by an older child with mental health issues, a 10 year old	Jun 6, 2012 1:56 PM
215	The "abuse" consists of others not wanting to talk with us if we are with a hearing person. Or else they do not respect and comply with our requests for accommodation. We both have an acquired hearing loss, so we know what we're missing and want to be a part of what is happening.	Jun 6, 2012 8:36 AM
216	I only know of one time. My sister does not talk. I am sure this is not the first now.	Jun 5, 2012 8:06 PM
217	once again, I do not let the verbal abuse bother me. When it happens, I walk away, say the Serenity Prayer and remember that my family member is mentally ill.	Jun 5, 2012 1:24 PM
218	Our son frequently does not communicate what he experiences so would not be sure the frequency of the incidents.	Jun 5, 2012 10:07 AM
219	It was my brother and a previous boss of his verbally abused him at work so I am not sure how many times this actually happened.	Jun 5, 2012 9:41 AM

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220	I work in the public..when you ask people to speak up because you are deaf and can only hear by the use of an implant they make remarks like, "then what are you doing working here?" or "Then turn it on or up." To me, that is abuse in the worst way.	Jun 5, 2012 8:39 AM
221	The witnesses testified my child was abused daily that year he had her.	Jun 5, 2012 4:10 AM
222	Never	Jun 4, 2012 5:19 PM
223	Many times during the school day he is talked about, cussed out, called names,etc.	Jun 4, 2012 3:16 PM
224	n/a	Jun 4, 2012 8:54 AM
225	I am not sure how many times his father and step-mother have mistreated him. For some reason they end up back together again. But now he seems able to leave if he is tired of the situation.	Jun 4, 2012 7:13 AM
226	Sometimes the abuse is institutional. This causes avoidance of all institutional experience.	Jun 4, 2012 5:55 AM
227	All school year long	Jun 4, 2012 5:51 AM
228	when I was working I used to send money to help her and her Children make end meet. Made much money working than Disability give me. So she stop having anything to do with me.	Jun 2, 2012 9:46 PM
229	A speech therapist at age 3, teachers at ages 7 and 8-9-10, multiple students in 8th grade.	Jun 2, 2012 5:44 PM
230	family member lived out of state- once we found out, the family member was moved to our home.	Jun 2, 2012 3:29 PM
231	Not since I founded The Sean Ashley House, a HCS program for individuals who have autism & or multiple disabilities. www.seanashleyhouse.org	Jun 2, 2012 1:07 PM
232	Only once that I am aware of	Jun 2, 2012 12:38 PM
233	Discrimination within the school system	Jun 1, 2012 8:29 AM
234	People complaining about having to talk up due to my hearing impairment. Saying things such as why don't you turn those d--m hearing aides up.	Jun 1, 2012 3:29 AM
235	verbal abuse too numerous to count	May 31, 2012 6:31 PM
236	Unable to tell, as it being verbal and not always directed at child but by people telling other people that child was faking disability	May 31, 2012 5:21 PM
237	my son was abused by multiple peers in a residential setting over several months	May 31, 2012 4:02 PM
238	The individual I serve as a Program Supervisor appears to experience abuse on a weekly basis. She is verbally abused and has on occasion had bruises of an unknown cause.	May 31, 2012 9:04 AM

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239	I had two incidence of sexual assault and was bullied constantly between third grade and eighth grade.	May 31, 2012 8:07 AM
240	It's verbal abuse by family members.	May 31, 2012 5:06 AM
241	Actually individuals were very helpful when I used the wheelchair and cain. I think people were very comfortable interacting with me when using the cain.	May 31, 2012 4:49 AM
242	Verbal abuse when a young person was pretty much constant. 2. The checked area above refer to 'molestation' when a child.	May 30, 2012 4:35 PM
243	The abuse stopped in 2005 when I left my ex-boyfriend. I am working in this field because I am a survivor...It's been a long journey...	May 30, 2012 4:32 PM
244	at that time too many to count,,, but happy to say no more Abuse	May 30, 2012 1:09 PM
245	It was ongoing for years.	May 30, 2012 12:47 PM
246	Number of times of financial abuse by one person is unknown	May 30, 2012 12:42 PM
247	My family member was a young child that with her limitations was misunderstood by undereducated caregivers; abuse continued as she was older such as on a school bus--bullying	May 28, 2012 6:50 PM
248	I don't know. My daughter cannot speak.	May 28, 2012 10:47 AM
249	Many people try to take my assistance dog away from me because 'he/she's too big to be controlled by a person with a disability', I'm treated like an idiot by people and on a not-so-crowded train people try to intimidate me.	May 28, 2012 9:56 AM
250	I am hoping that my son has not experienced abuse, but it is a worry. He has experienced bullying at school.	May 25, 2012 12:26 PM
251	I am his step-mom. He was abused over several years by his mom verbally by being told he was stupid and that she didn't love him.	May 25, 2012 10:15 AM
252	Now and then	May 25, 2012 8:01 AM
253	and really not sure since son is non verbal and can't tell me what happens at school	May 25, 2012 6:40 AM
254	If you count school children often.	May 24, 2012 2:46 PM
255	My family member does not have language ability to communicate this information, so I cannot accurately say.	May 24, 2012 10:50 AM
256	Do not accurately know on family member. In military, family person could not spell because of his dyslexia - misspelled commander's name - had to be treated like a child and write correct spelling 100 times - last name which was difficult, he got right, first name MICHAEL, he misspelled	May 24, 2012 2:27 AM
257	Don't really know family member suicided while in a State Psychiatric Hospital	May 23, 2012 2:20 PM
258	there have been many instances over many years	May 23, 2012 12:42 PM

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259	Not sure - happened many years ago when this family member was a child (person in her 60's now).	May 23, 2012 12:34 PM
260	Abuse occurred when i was a child for several yrs.	May 23, 2012 12:25 PM
261	I am not sure exactly how many times her father abused her, but I know it started when she was a baby and continued until she was 4 years old, when I left him.	May 23, 2012 12:00 PM
262	Don't know	May 23, 2012 9:41 AM
263	over a period of 3 years as a child	May 23, 2012 7:47 AM
264	I am a survivor of incest from age 3 to age 14.	May 23, 2012 5:26 AM
265	Grew up with abuse. Married an abuser. Dated an abuser. Difficult to get away from it. I think that I have a sign on my forehead saying, "I am an easy target." or something like that because it seems that for some reasons, I attract men who like to abuse women. After the last abusive boyfriend, I gave up on dating and I am just focusing on me, my life and surviving alone. So far that has been working out the best.	May 23, 2012 5:00 AM
266	I do not know if there any type of abuse happened at school, Granddaughter did not ever report anything to me.	May 22, 2012 4:06 PM
267	Much of the abuse that cannot be counted happened at hospitals and public school.	May 22, 2012 12:13 PM
268	I am 33 years old and have been deaf since 15 months old. I cannot keep track of how many times Audism happened to me.	May 22, 2012 12:05 PM
269	well it is communication abuse everyday...	May 22, 2012 9:15 AM
270	Fellow student choked her with her own scarf, shoved a desk into her and threatened to kill her	May 22, 2012 9:10 AM
271	i solved it by removing from nursing home and taking care of at home with family help	May 22, 2012 8:50 AM
272	both by strangers, hired to work with people with disabilities (Metro access drivers)	May 22, 2012 8:49 AM
273	not sure	May 22, 2012 8:39 AM
274	Depends on who is defining it. My definition has been different based on what my family member thought was ok.	May 22, 2012 8:30 AM
275	abuse happened with bio parents and in foster care prior to adoption	May 22, 2012 8:26 AM
276	My brother works in the community and has been abused/ harrassed by different people in his life, also by his son-in-law who is now in prison for an unrelated reason	May 22, 2012 7:59 AM
277	At boarding deaf school during before 1984, most physical abuses are mainly spanking to the butt, hands, and face with either bare hands or wooden sticks,	May 22, 2012 7:53 AM

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rulers, and/or hair brushes when the deaf students are not speaking properly or using their hands as part of gesturing. After '84, most abuses are done verbally or emotionally or mentally.

278	My son has experienced institutional neglect resulting in his physical abuse but now has also been unsupervised/neglected at school and is being accused of a crime. It is slightly different but still feels like the same issue- it's no one's fault if the victim is disabled anyway.	May 22, 2012 6:50 AM
279	I self-advocate well	May 22, 2012 6:22 AM
280	My son was abused by school staff for many years. He was neglected and did not receive a FAPE. He was placed in time out and restrained because he did not answer questions when he was non-verbal.	May 21, 2012 4:25 PM
281	The emotional and psychological abuse is daily unfortunately.	May 21, 2012 4:17 PM
282	My abuse and my family member's abuse were services promised by the state but was never followed through. When I tried to discuss my concern I was not heard or just nothing was done	May 21, 2012 12:59 PM
283	Once was physical rape. The other was emotional with the criminal justice system who just don't understand a person with a cognitive deficit. She was charged with false reporting, but she didn't realize what she was doing. The system was a nightmare.	May 21, 2012 12:02 PM
284	Familial emotional and verbal abuse. Now that I live on my own that has stopped.	May 21, 2012 11:31 AM
285	If I include the emotional abuse, it is regular and ongoing. It is not enough for anyone to do anything about it, but my daughter is 14 and can't wait until she turns 18 because she wants to drop her dad's last name she is so upset by his treatment. It sucks. She doesn't want to go to his house for Christmas even though he is the one with tons of presents under the tree and has the financial ability to buy her whatever she wants. Knowing she'd still prefer to be with me and get two small presents makes it hard to keep forcing her to go with him. He has called her on the phone crying - telling her he misses her and wants to see her. Emotional crap has been going on long enough that our daughter is actually figuring out that she would rather let him take her allowance than not be able to say what she thinks about his behavior. She tells him he is a bully on a regular basis. It sucks to see him digging such a big hole that she is ready to just bury him and not look back when she is 18.	May 21, 2012 7:04 AM
286	The "abuse" that my son has experienced is ill-equipped teachers to deal with severe ADHD. He is over-looked, scolded harshly, not treated as respectfully as most other kids in his classroom b/c he is much harder to manage. However, he has a kinder, more caring heart than most kids his age.	May 21, 2012 7:01 AM
287	I experienced verbal abuse as a child	May 21, 2012 6:54 AM
288	My 7-1/2 y/old niece is severely autistic. She is completely non verbal. She has gotten off of her school bus a few times & jumped into my arms, crying, runny nose, wrapping/clenching her arms & legs tightly around my body very hard.	May 19, 2012 7:09 AM

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	This alarmed us very much on the 2 occasions that it occurred. Fortunately, my sister & brother-in-law moved to a new home & she is on a different bus. She seems happier now.	
289	Usually the abuse was verbal when my son melted down or acted out in public. His autism is "hidden".. he looks very typical.	May 19, 2012 5:54 AM
290	My son is nonverbal and abuse is always a fear I have because he cannot tell me how he is treated.	May 18, 2012 7:09 PM
291	I was physically abused only once by the police and the other abuses happened along time ago	May 18, 2012 4:16 PM
292	Just the incident with the teacher noted above. It was verbal abuse of several students in the class. My relative actually sustained a broken shoulder trying to please this teacher.	May 18, 2012 4:04 PM
293	I sufferd Brain damage at 16 years of age. im 42 showed improvement in 1998 did a year in KC and was terrorized after release asulted heavily.	May 18, 2012 12:09 PM
294	My abuse was mostly verbal and dealing with money. I was not able at some time to do the things I use to do on my own so I needed help and that when I realized that something was not right. I didn't find out about other issues until much later.	May 18, 2012 11:09 AM
295	The abuse that was happening at school was on a daily basis for about 3 years.	May 18, 2012 8:11 AM
296	Every day	May 18, 2012 12:01 AM
297	Lots of verbal manipulation and name calling...physically abused twice...first time required me to have another spine surgery, last time strangled.	May 17, 2012 8:20 PM
298	In our case, "abuse" means my child has been bullied at school by other children.	May 17, 2012 7:42 PM
299	general neglect	May 17, 2012 5:09 PM
300	low level emotional/verbal is quite common - but difficult to quantify sometimes. sexual - only know of one time.	May 17, 2012 2:32 PM
301	I supervise homes for 114 people for 28 years now	May 17, 2012 2:19 PM
302	In the course of my brothers lifetime, he was sexually abused had his finger cut off by other patients and was neglected to the point that he died.	May 17, 2012 1:25 PM
303	She mostly received verbal abuse from people who don't understand Autism and is often yelled at to stop her ticks from Touretts. Often leads to punishment and being left out of activites and field trips.	May 17, 2012 1:22 PM
304	Not sure	May 17, 2012 1:17 PM
305	In regard to my family member's "abuse" it was too many times, verbal abuse, deliberate neglect or lack of staffing having proper education, inappropriate behavior in front of clients. I only had my family members word on many of the	May 17, 2012 1:17 PM

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	occasions and the staffing people would always corroborate in favor of the staff, accusing the person of lying.	
306	Don't know	May 17, 2012 1:14 PM
307	counting neglect? You should....clients are neglected everyday! Their self care needs are high and their caregivers don't attend to them.	May 17, 2012 11:04 AM
308	I did seek support from another family member and once I turned 18 I was able to move out and figure out another kind of living situation.	May 17, 2012 10:51 AM
309	Again, this is a bit of a guess because my family member is non-verbal and has very limited expressive ability. He isn't able to tell us.	May 17, 2012 8:55 AM
310	I would like a secret camera and recording system on his wheelchair and in his living space to catch the perpetrators on film.	May 16, 2012 7:59 PM
311	Abuse took many forms, e.g. exploiting, failure of ward to receive medical treatment in a timely manner, etc.	May 16, 2012 5:57 PM
312	She has experienced a number of injuries -- mostly bruises. One other fracture. In each case they were blamed on either her own actions or another resident.	May 16, 2012 2:57 PM
313	Bully happen numbers times a day	May 16, 2012 2:50 PM
314	I want to make clear, that I was repeatedly bullied, harassed and stalked by the same person, for four months. This was my only experience of abuse, I've never been subjected to this sort of thing before.	May 16, 2012 2:06 PM
315	Not sure of frequency of abuse	May 16, 2012 12:34 PM
316	From pre-birth, then given wine in a bottle to keep her quiet. At 2 1/2 mo old weighed 6 lb 1 oz. had shaken baby syndrome, broken collar bone, concussion, malnutrition & dehydration. Got HPV from sexual abuse when she was 5 yr. old and had to have part of her cervix removed when she was 14. Now as an adult, has had money taken from her because she does not understand how to check change, etc.	May 16, 2012 12:19 PM
317	unk if it was a one time incident or not.	May 16, 2012 11:49 AM
318	The type of abuse I suffer was more like a kind of bullying	May 16, 2012 8:33 AM
319	Hard to count attitudes!	May 16, 2012 6:34 AM
320	It was a bus incident that happened over 1.5 years. I do not know the number of times it happened during that period.	May 16, 2012 4:53 AM
321	Not sure child in school setting.	May 16, 2012 3:32 AM
322	This does not count bullying or verbal abuse, only direct physical assault or abuse.	May 15, 2012 9:46 PM
323	Over years, almost daily	May 15, 2012 5:53 PM

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324	My son was constantly teased in school.	May 15, 2012 1:05 PM
325	My sons APE teacher slapped him in front of me when he was little because he bit her.	May 15, 2012 10:54 AM
326	Multiple times as she not only has Fetal alcohol syndrome but alopecia so that makes it even harder for her.	May 15, 2012 3:30 AM
327	Unsure exactly about number of times when I first aquired my disability, especially because a lot were verbal 'jokes'	May 14, 2012 5:35 PM
328	I was molested by a busdriver, neglected and emotionally abused by my mother and I was raped in college. I did go to the ER after the rape, but I did not press charges.	May 14, 2012 11:49 AM
329	Unknown as my son does not remember himself.	May 14, 2012 11:23 AM
330	mostly when I am with a doctor who first sees that I take multiple anti-depressants and anti-anxiety medication. They are quick to infer that my symptoms are in my head.	May 14, 2012 6:41 AM
331	This is a complex question. Personally I was abused many times by my ex-husband both verbally and physically. My son with the disability was abused by his biological father.	May 14, 2012 3:58 AM
332	Ongoing for 5 months prior to being placed for adoption by birthmother.	May 13, 2012 7:54 PM
333	my family member went to live to a group home by his own decision and he got physical abuse by an ex convict .	May 13, 2012 3:12 PM
334	I'm also including the verbal abuse he's received from direct care workers: told he's just lazy (also told that by a special ed teacher) told he's weird (by a special ed teacher) and other verbal abuse	May 13, 2012 11:04 AM
335	Most abuse happens in employment situations, by co-workers and supervisors.	May 13, 2012 6:22 AM
336	I think people on the autism spectrum are vulnerable, as they usually make good targets, being on the outside, having social deficits, and often appearing fairly normal otherwise. In addition, autisitcs have trouble seeing intent in someone, nonverbal cuse.. and don't necessarily consider folks aren't telling the truth.. all things that make it easier for an abusive person	May 12, 2012 8:43 AM
337	I believe bullying is a form of abuse	May 12, 2012 5:16 AM
338	I have been with my husbend Paul B Alongi 10 + years wear he has beat me and raped me and thrown food at me.	May 11, 2012 11:05 PM
339	Bullying, harassment, teasing are a fact of life for the people on the spectrum, due to their inherent trust of others, their sensory delay issues and from their social skills deficits which leave them 'not knowing what to expect.'	May 11, 2012 9:08 PM
340	that I know of	May 11, 2012 7:33 PM
341	I've moved away from the City which has helped a lot. While I was still in the	May 11, 2012 5:37 PM

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	City, I worked hard to make people stay away from me.	
342	All of my children are non verbal so what happens to them is a school day is anyone's guess	May 11, 2012 3:56 PM
343	dont know	May 11, 2012 12:35 PM
344	During one school year	May 11, 2012 12:17 PM
345	UNKNOWN	May 11, 2012 12:04 PM
346	This one time was ongoing over a couple of years until I could get another job.	May 11, 2012 8:39 AM
347	Not counting all the on-going emotional "abuse" she experiences from peers or the too many to count times when others have conned her out of significant amounts of money.	May 11, 2012 8:09 AM
348	Ceri is 18 and so who knows how many times over the years.	May 11, 2012 6:54 AM
349	I am only aware of certain times, but that does NOT mean that it hasn't happened more often. My guess is that it has happened far more than I am aware.	May 11, 2012 6:54 AM
350	I don't know for sure but know of one time and suspect that it was more.	May 11, 2012 6:45 AM
351	My birth mother had schizophrenia. Enough said.	May 11, 2012 4:59 AM
352	I don't really know	May 10, 2012 1:06 PM
353	The abuse my son suffered lasted apprx 3 months till the Aides contacted us and told us what the teacher was doing.	May 10, 2012 11:34 AM
354	Answering regaring childhood. I am not abused these days.	May 10, 2012 10:52 AM
355	I don't know how many times, actually. Often there is no evidence of physical harm, and my son is not likely to talk about it. Even with evidence of physical harm (bruising, scratches, trips to the ER), my son has been able to communicate very little about what happened.	May 10, 2012 8:04 AM
356	My disability came on gradually. Once my employer was aware, the ball started to roll. I was sent to a neuropsychologist in an effort to medically determine that I was not competent as well as physical exam by my employers doctor. I was written up for over six years. Interesting that I was able to perform my jobfor 6 years after they became aware of my disability.	May 10, 2012 7:23 AM
357	this question applies to the physical abuse from my past relationship.	May 10, 2012 5:49 AM
358	Unknown-	May 10, 2012 5:37 AM
359	The verbal abuse was in the form of bullying behavior	May 10, 2012 4:08 AM
360	This happened many times. I became aware of it when he walked home on an extremely hot day carrying his groceries because "the bad bus driver was there".	May 10, 2012 4:05 AM

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361	Counting all forms of abuse of family member with MI as a homeless traveler youth.	May 9, 2012 10:06 PM
362	It depends on how abuse is defined. Physical abuse x 2. Verbal abuse numerous times. My child being repeatedly put into a very small time out closet for extended periods of time I considered abuse however the non public school did not.	May 9, 2012 10:00 PM
363	One time suspected -- is it more? He can't tell me (and why do you make me think about this?)	May 9, 2012 6:51 PM
364	About 10 times before I found out about it.	May 9, 2012 5:31 PM
365	that we are aware of and their was finally help to confirm abuse	May 9, 2012 5:16 PM
366	Depends how you define "disability" and "abuse".	May 9, 2012 2:44 PM
367	The system is getting better at identifying and educating consumers and families about what abuse is and making it possible to report anonymously helps.	May 9, 2012 11:34 AM
368	We believe it may have been more than once, but the family member could/would not talk about it.	May 9, 2012 10:46 AM
369	unsure of number of incidents over time. multiple, but kids did not tell us everything that happened. they did have regular therapy appointments and we helped them develop healthy boundaries and escape plans to use if while with their mom she lost emotional control	May 9, 2012 10:29 AM
370	This is hard to answer because the possible sexual abuse person was fired and charged but I felt very unsatisfied with the handling of it by police and the fact that I never had the opportunity to give a victims statement on my son's behalf. The financial abuse person was caught and convicted but I was very upset that I was never contacted ...even to at least give a victim's statement on my son's behalf! I have seen and heard of many instances of neglect on the basic care of my son and there have been countless times he's had injuries or bruises that were never explained. I realize that people get hurt and accidents happen but there has to be a better system of care and documenting when it comes to someone who can't speak or communicate for themselves!!	May 9, 2012 9:30 AM
371	mostly verbal and psychological	May 9, 2012 9:18 AM
372	unknown	May 9, 2012 8:58 AM
373	Verbal abuse by students was sometime daily. Physical abuse less often. Sometimes teachers participated in verbal abuse.	May 9, 2012 8:39 AM
374	Over timer, my son was afraid to come home, ran back to the car when saw the person, looked for the car in the driveway when I brought him home and would not get out, when this staff answered the door my son jumped back and gasped	May 9, 2012 7:46 AM
375	this has to do with the actions of my now ex-husband who abandoned our family (two young children and me) in 2002 because of my diagnosis of MS (rendered blind and unable to talk clearly at the time)	May 9, 2012 6:55 AM

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376	unknown. mostly happens for her at school.	May 9, 2012 6:42 AM
377	I	May 9, 2012 6:34 AM
378	The nature of the disability increases odds of occurrences.	May 9, 2012 5:37 AM
379	my son & I were victims of physical, emtional and verbal abuse by my ex-husband. My son has intellectual disabilities and inherited bi-polar/schizophrenia. It took a period of time for me to get my confidence back together to get up and leave the situation.	May 9, 2012 5:29 AM
380	It was at the hands of just one individual, but he did it a number of times.	May 8, 2012 4:31 PM
381	We really don't know - we believe it was daily for over a month.	May 8, 2012 1:59 PM
382	And I advocated for my child each time something happened. At age 21 now, she frequently tells me something new that happened to her while she was in the school system that I didn't know about. It breaks my heart to hear the pain in her voice.	May 8, 2012 1:25 PM
383	My son does not understand and/or how to explain verbal abuse. However, all the SED labels on his IEP show signs/symptoms of a child being verbally abused. He has one incident of physical abuse. He was locked in a time-out room for two hours. He is not even agresive.	May 8, 2012 12:57 PM
384	the family continues to be abused verbally and emoitonally on a weekly basis.	May 8, 2012 12:48 PM
385	The person in question is non-verbal and augmentative/facilitative communication is not always respected as a form of proof.	May 8, 2012 12:29 PM
386	I am including bullying, some very hurtful rejections and professionals treating her like she is stupid not realizing she picked up on it!	May 8, 2012 12:23 PM
387	It depends on what you define as abuse. If you consider bullying at school to be abuse, then I would answer between 20-40 times for my family member.	May 8, 2012 11:44 AM
388	not counting chil;dhood bullying	May 8, 2012 10:47 AM
389	The abuse happened before she was in my family's life, so I am unsure of how many times the abuse took place.	May 8, 2012 9:42 AM
390	mostly insensitive or rude comments, labels, shaming, mocking, not understanding, isolation, ostracization	May 8, 2012 8:21 AM
391	I know of one physical incident (it left a mark). I believe he has experienced emotional/verbal but am not sure how often.	May 8, 2012 7:51 AM
392	my nephew gets bullied by other kids at playgrounds at times.	May 8, 2012 6:38 AM
393	In my son's case, abuse endured for as many years as he attended special education classrooms. Beyond the choke hold incident, another classroom was especially abusive; teachers turned a blind eye when other students bullied him (physical and verbal): one teacher said (verbatim), "We're not sure he didn't have it coming."	May 8, 2012 6:24 AM

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394	Several times during a two month period	May 8, 2012 4:57 AM
395	The abuse was over a number of years, but I only became aware of it in the later years, as I was living in another city, and parent covered up the abuse when I visited or phoned.	May 7, 2012 9:29 PM
396	we removed her from that school when it became clear they would not protect her.	May 7, 2012 6:18 PM
397	at school in the classroom once	May 7, 2012 4:39 PM
398	Daughter was repeatedly yelled at by "boyfriend" and he physically assaulted her by grabbing her by the neck and pushing her up against the wall.	May 7, 2012 3:05 PM
399	Difficult to count incident of emotional abuse. That wasn't reported since difficult to document and prosecute.	May 7, 2012 2:42 PM
400	Unsure on how many times	May 7, 2012 1:56 PM
401	I don't know, other than it was more than once.	May 7, 2012 1:09 PM
402	Bullying and being taken advantage of by older people or peers relating to money.	May 7, 2012 12:18 PM
403	Son was also mocked on the job	May 7, 2012 11:59 AM
404	family member, not myself	May 7, 2012 11:28 AM
405	It runs from general negative comments to avoiding places and people for fear of being outed and beaten.	May 7, 2012 11:26 AM
406	This situation was finally addressed when mass health and doctors finally recognized family's need.	May 7, 2012 11:25 AM
407	She is an adopted child whose parents rights were terminated from severe child abuse. She is also developmentally disabled.	May 7, 2012 11:18 AM
408	This was while a minor or young adult. The perpetrator was our father.	May 7, 2012 11:16 AM
409	He has never experienced abuse	May 7, 2012 10:59 AM
410	The Center for Disease Control, would do well to expand the CDC/Kaiser-Permanente ACE (Adverse Childhood Experiences) Study, and sequel study done in Texas, to get an accurate national perspective on incidents of this nature, as well.	May 7, 2012 10:29 AM
411	one time that I know of...	May 7, 2012 10:00 AM
412	More Bullying	May 7, 2012 9:43 AM
413	try to keep my son with me when we are out and about	May 7, 2012 9:33 AM
414	Bullying, not physical abuse	May 7, 2012 8:24 AM

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415	Unsure sicne it was a child.	May 7, 2012 7:31 AM
416	Honestly, I can not tell you how many times he was abused. He has autism and did not speak up about the abuse at school. He was improperly restrained and secluded on a daily basis at school. In a group home he was restrained, not allowed to make phone calls, and verbally abused and threatened.	May 7, 2012 7:28 AM
417	This is my best guess since she is nonverbal. This is about the amount of times I as her parent have been aware of it.	May 7, 2012 6:49 AM
418	we've been fortunate that our concerns were treated as though valid and remedied to our satisfaction immediately.	May 7, 2012 6:23 AM
419	My son's abuse occured every day at least once a day. I believe that he has been dragged into school on other occasions for the same offense: sitting down	May 7, 2012 5:28 AM
420	Witnessed it one time. Not sure if it happened before.	May 7, 2012 4:07 AM
421	The abuse has occurred in the context of intimate partner relationships. There was no care-giving involved in those relationships and the vulnerability was experienced on a more nuanced level around feeling not worthy of love and lowered self-esteem which made it easier for the people in my life during those relationships to target the places of increased sensitivity and places where I had internalized a lot of the messages surrounding ableism and worthiness of relationships	May 6, 2012 7:07 PM
422	Don't know	May 6, 2012 6:12 PM
423	Applies to neglect and emotional abuse only. Was sexually abused 1x and physically abused about 10 times.	May 6, 2012 3:53 PM
424	School bullying random	May 6, 2012 2:20 PM
425	verbal abuse hurts too.	May 6, 2012 2:16 PM
426	As an advocate I am usually able to get my point across and have been able to initiate some change	May 6, 2012 12:33 PM
427	Don't really know. Sexual abuse started when I was three and happened on and off throughout childhood, environment of violence and emotional abuse was constant..	May 6, 2012 7:45 AM
428	Our grandson has multiple problems. Most of his abuse comes from his biological mother who is herself disabled. He is neglected when visiting but we have fought for 9 years and the courts will not supervise her visits or take away her parental rights and let us adopt him. Purely a travesty!	May 6, 2012 3:54 AM
429	neglect	May 5, 2012 5:44 PM
430	I don't know. I suspect my family member has exploited often to varying degrees.	May 5, 2012 6:03 AM
431	as far as we know as she has limited capacity to report	May 5, 2012 12:55 AM
432	They were married for just under 25 years, I was only aware of the abuse for 13	May 4, 2012 5:34 PM

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	years and did what I could to minimize it, including stepping in and taking it myself when I could.	
433	My family member has been intimidated by staff at one of the day programs she attended. It was reported to the administration, but the offender is still working there and I have heard she continues to intimidate clients.	May 4, 2012 2:57 PM
434	Counting each incident it would be thousands. For example when I was being bullied, there'd be about 10 or so incidents per day. But if you count each abusive situation as a single thing, it would be 3-4 depending on whether you count the bullying at two different schools as different occurrences (it felt like more of the same to me).	May 4, 2012 2:35 PM
435	This applies to my children that we adopted out of the foster care system. This was prior to their living with us.	May 4, 2012 11:10 AM
436	Direct physical abuse is not the only type. Financial abuse causes homelessness, constant stress which makes disabilities worse, and abandonment by medical people who won't take Medicare.	May 4, 2012 11:05 AM
437	My son is thirty-five and was only two when the family split up.	May 4, 2012 10:29 AM
438	both times my sister was living in her own apartment; one was a stranger (neighbor) the next time it was the step-father of a fellow tenant - they were living in an 8 apartment complex specifically built for people with DD.	May 4, 2012 9:29 AM
439	While in Middle School.	May 4, 2012 7:47 AM
440	unsure, he didn't understand it was abuse until he was older, when he did speak up the acutal time frame of abuse was not clear	May 4, 2012 3:49 AM
441	over 9 months living in a 'young disabled unit' nursing care facility, almost every day	May 4, 2012 2:53 AM
442	Don't know but strongly suspect multiple times.	May 4, 2012 2:53 AM
443	\not sure, he is non-verbal, the agency that supported him at that time would know more. His behaviour definitely reflects it.	May 4, 2012 2:44 AM
444	My son had the same special day teacher for three awful years. Her abuse was more subtle...in the form of relegating him to a small, uncomfortable table different than his peers and a gray chair for circle time in a sea of blue chairs because 'he can tell where he sits if his is different.' (For the record, he has a desk just like the other kids this year and he has zero problem knowing which is his!) This teacher also would make his aides remove him from the classroom immediately after the first inkling of disruption. He learned that this was a great way to escape a classroom with a teacher who disliked him.	May 3, 2012 5:47 PM
445	I don't know the answer to this question. They would threaten him, and he wouldn't tell anyone. I'm sure it was a lot. Thankfully, my neighbors twin girls, in his grade, let it be known. If anyone touches him, her and her friends will get them back. The abused stopped in eleventh grade.	May 3, 2012 4:12 PM
446	This was mostly in the form of neglect, as the abuser was often too busy doing	May 3, 2012 3:39 PM

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	drugs and closed up in his room to provide love or proper care. Some verbal abuse telling the child she was being needy for being hungry or wanting love & attention, or bad for wetting/soiling herself when he was unavailable to assist her to the bathroom and a little physical abuse in the form of cold showers when she had no choice but to wet/soil herself.	
447	unknown - it happened when the (abused/neglected) family member was a baby, but unknown to present family members	May 3, 2012 3:07 PM
448	The school and school district in which my Autistic child experiencing the abuse sent the abuser (my daughter's K-5 teacher) was sent to a 2 day workshop to "learn" how to deal with Autistic children. It had absolutely no effect and the verbal and emotional abuse continued not only towards my daughter, but also towards myself. The teaching staff even tried to get me to medicate my 5 year old daughter for OCD, even though her Doctor (who was an Autism specialist who diagnosed my daughter with PDD) specifically told them my daughter did not need medication and refused to prescribe any sort of medication. The teacher even told me I "just DUMPED my daughter in her lap" at the beginning of the year.	May 3, 2012 2:44 PM
449	Most of her abuse was verbal like staff asking her to control tics due to her Touretts... which is a form of abuse especially since staff had been asked many times to stop. Staff would write her up or make her sit out. She is also blind and would get in trouble and miss out on activities because she could not get to her class on time. She has documented poor mobility skills due to her total vision loss and Autism make navigating loud areas like a school difficult and she had an aid who I suspect may have made her late a few times. But they still punished her.	May 3, 2012 2:37 PM
450	My son is bullied almost on a daily basis...sometimes by students/peers other times by the administration.	May 3, 2012 1:16 PM
451	May be more but not always aware	May 3, 2012 9:13 AM
452	again, the abuse we've experienced has not been of a legal matter. sometimes it is a person in authority who should definitely know better. this kind of thing comes with the territory of being a parent of a child with disabilities.	May 3, 2012 7:56 AM
453	That one time was one time too many.	May 3, 2012 7:53 AM
454	Unsure.	May 3, 2012 7:09 AM
455	If all forms of abuse are considered - most importantly, neglect due to lack of appropriate resources AND the sorts of stares that are directed towards psychotic persons on a daily basis - yes, far too many instances to count.	May 3, 2012 6:02 AM
456	Including: Verbal abuse, harassment, badgering, put-downs, using shame and humiliation to control an adult with a disability; and neglect, negligence, actions that put a person with a disability at risk of harm, actions that violated policies and violated disabled person's stated rights at school or at care facility	May 3, 2012 5:16 AM
457	my version of abuse and someone else could be different. the school never told me or asked me to put my son in restraints or seclusions. they never explained	May 2, 2012 7:15 PM

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what a SPEN or EBD program was. Never really told me how active I could be in IEP or get help with it. And never told me his medical diagnoses were denied and educational they made there own up. They did what ever they wanted to. So there for....my son was bullied, and abused almost daily for several months. came home with emotional., mental, spiritual, sexual and physical abuse. was denied service. Was denied education. was denied access to medical needs for asthma, was refused proper contact and communication with me. Than when I finally spoke up it didnt get better, it got worse. I saw it for my self. reported it, and brought it to there attention. They act like they were blaming me. And when I pulled him out after he was : "strangled" they threatend truancy. he became suicidal., both of our diagnoses were becoming conflicting and stressing because of what happened. no one would help us or listen. I even had 2 free lawyers with a disabilty center and they did nothing so I had to fire them too. my son didnt get new school until 6 months later than was suspended almost everyday and even arressted. he was only 6. they did a illegal prone restraint with several staff on top of a conference table. he couldnt breathe. he has asthma and gerd. why is this ok? he didnt do anything wrong.

458	There were at least 3 or 4 incidents in the school setting that were clearly abusive but there is very little recourse in our state in regards to school incidents. Because my son could not verbally describe or substantiate our complaints they were "unsubstantiated" despite an eye witness report from his respite staff and physical marks on his body.	May 2, 2012 5:50 PM
459	verbal name calling	May 2, 2012 5:37 PM
460	This abuse happened to my brother	May 2, 2012 3:14 PM
461	Daily	May 2, 2012 12:54 PM
462	School bullying	May 2, 2012 10:30 AM
463	Happened when he was a child,	May 2, 2012 10:02 AM
464	The number here refers to a specific abuse situation, but my son has disclosed to me that there was ongoing abuse since he was a baby, and, since he was not in pain while that was occurring, he does not necessarily consider what happened to him to be abuse. In that case it would be too many times to count.	May 2, 2012 9:43 AM
465	Really not sure one time we are aware of.	May 2, 2012 8:28 AM
466	He attended this awful school for 2 1/2 years before I took him out and homeschooled him. They just keep isolating him more all the time. His behaviors were increasing, he hated going to school, but he couldn't share with me what was happening. Since I took him out of that school, he is a different child.	May 2, 2012 6:41 AM
467	I am not sure since my child was with his birth parents for the first 10 months of his life.	May 2, 2012 6:16 AM
468	Neglectful, poorly run - administered, care facility	May 2, 2012 5:42 AM
469	each	May 2, 2012 5:38 AM

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470	not really sure as my son is nonverbal	May 2, 2012 4:57 AM
471	I am guessing here. I know that she often feels like her environment is hostile, though, again, it is typically more a situation of exclusion.	May 2, 2012 3:23 AM
472	Depends on how "abuse" is defined here.	May 2, 2012 2:53 AM
473	Not sure	May 1, 2012 2:59 PM
474	as far as I know	May 1, 2012 1:10 PM
475	I don't know; my family member (who has an FASD) probably hasn't reported them all. He has been in jail so most likely was abused there as well as by his "so called" friends	May 1, 2012 12:42 PM
476	Thinking about the different types of abuse, I have to say more than once. The reason I say this is because my son has been a victim of educational neglect through the local school system (this system and the other) as well as the incident mentioned above. They failed to provide testing in his language (he uses sign language as primary source of language because of aphasia) and failed for THREE years to provide homebound services (even with a doctor's deposition and lawyer). Son has immune system issues and cannot attend public school.	May 1, 2012 12:37 PM
477	My son received emotional and physical abuse from his father which has affected him for a long time.	May 1, 2012 10:56 AM
478	All abuse to child happened during preschool, pre k enrollment, only have proof of the restraint (picture).	May 1, 2012 8:49 AM
479	Francial - 1, raped - 3, molested as a teenager - numerous, physically abused as a teenager - numerous.	May 1, 2012 8:48 AM
480	My daughter was abused at her school over a period of five years before the last incident was reported.	May 1, 2012 4:38 AM
481	We have been threatened by agency staff members on what would happen if we made complaints and have recieved retribution for making complaints.	Apr 30, 2012 8:42 PM
482	My youngest experienced horrific pre-adoptive abuse (physical, emotional and sexual). That, of course stopped when we adopted her (16 months) but continued due to lack of training by schools - in schools.	Apr 30, 2012 11:34 AM
483	do not know, since this occured in the school setting and do not have access to information. But my daughter became very stressed out and became aggressive to staff/peers in her classroom, very suddenly, with no previous history of such behavior at school. We knew something was going on, so we transferred her to different school with attorney's assistance(spec ed) and obtained more supports in different setting, where my child blossomed after that.	Apr 30, 2012 11:31 AM
484	my family member has encountered lots of abuse due to her disability, in housing, in finances, poor care from health providers, etc.	Apr 30, 2012 8:26 AM
485	This is an everyday thing sometimes. Even family do the abuse I try not to	Apr 30, 2012 7:14 AM

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expose him too it not to envoke an episode.

486	No one believes that a back is chronic because there sometimes is no visual indication	Apr 29, 2012 6:45 PM
487	One of the "teachers" in our local school program for the deaf could not count to three. If this happened in a classroom full of Hispanic or Black students there would be riots and an outcry from the public, but it was only a classroom of deaf children. The woman was still functioning as a teacher last time I checked.	Apr 29, 2012 6:40 PM
488	Many Hundreds of times at the least. When it comes to stigma and discrimination it is said Mental Health is the last taboo. How misguided they are. Try (Pissy Bed). Whatever you do, Dont tey this at home, on the bus, the metro, at work, at school. as it is very very life threatening. due to the abuses inflicted my many many many a member of yoursociety. Not mine I'm home alone as safe as I can be. "ALONE".	Apr 29, 2012 11:00 AM
489	restraint and seclusion utilized for two years to enforce tasks. my son has suffered from injury for 6 months now, medical care is hard to establish for his needs.	Apr 29, 2012 9:43 AM
490	Includes things from school too; like finger nail marks on my son; or the bus aide cinching up a seat belt and lingering in the private area of my son; holding food back or a meal back due to behavior issues. It's hard to trust anyone ...	Apr 28, 2012 10:08 PM