

# 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, Laws & Legislation, Studies & Statistics, Improved Supports, International, and sometimes, Miscellaneous.*

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## **Type of Abuse:**

Human Trafficking: 15

Sexual Assault: 3, 10, 46

Physical Abuse: 1, 4, 7, 8, 25

Murder: 6, 41, 52, 55

Financial: 1

Neglect: 2, 9

Related to special education (abuse/neglect): 5, 9, 12, 332, 57

Related to special education (efforts to improve): 20

**WINNER of most egregious award:** 12: De Vos wins again! Secretary delayed education compliance survey.

**WINNER of best news award:** 14: Bill signed by Governor which includes family caregivers to be investigated for abuse/neglect.

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

Family: 8, 55

Carer: 2, 3, 14

Acquaintance: 41

**Gender** (Note: not all articles identify gender of perpetrators.)

Men: 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 41, 46

Women: 7, 8

**Good News:** 13: ID cards include disability/communication information for first responders; 15: human trafficking laws passed; 16: county in TN law passed authorizing Multidisciplinary Teams to respond to and prosecute vulnerable abuse, neglect and exploitations reports; CMS improves response to reports of abuse of vulnerable adults in group homes, bulletin issued; 21: group teaches how individuals can reduce abuse; 26: New Mexico Arc seeks to reduce abuse.

**Bad News:** 25: Physical abuse in psychiatric hospital ward; 44: Iranians with disabilities face discrimination, abuse and inaccessible environments; 49: in Kenya, children with disabilities are abandoned.

## **ABUSE & NEGLECT**

1. “Leesburg man arrested after targeting disabled woman” - Police have arrested a man who knocked on doors asking for work or money, then entered a disabled woman’s home. John F. Graham, 53, was charged with burglary and battery after entering the house on Euclid Avenue at 9:19 p.m. Tuesday. A woman called the police, saying she was worried about her neighbor, who is confined to a wheelchair. - Daily Commercial – June 27, 2018 – (Florida) <https://is.gd/eVrZFL>
2. “Charges filed against personal care home owner” - Members of the Crimes Against the Vulnerable and Elderly found five disabled residents living in a dilapidated trailer that was unsanitary, lacking air condition and infested with cockroaches. The victims needed medical treatment for scabies and one needed to be hospitalized because of untreated wounds suffered in a dog attack. Warrants for three counts of neglect of a disabled adult have been filed against Gaynell Hymel, the owner of two licensed personal care homes on Moseley Road and a possible unlicensed home – the trailer on Moseley Road. Hymel was taken into custody but David Wallace Fulcher, 51, is wanted. - Augusta Chronicle- June 28, 2018 – (Georgia) - <https://is.gd/mD3WX5>
3. “Mason City Caretaker Accused of Sexual Assault” - The records say Alshara raped one of his clients on Nov. 21 and sexually assaulted the other in a group home on June 8. The records also say Alshara worked for an unidentified company that provides caretaking services. - - 6 News- June 28, 2018 – (Iowa) <https://is.gd/djKLJJ>
4. “Bail set at \$2,000 for Northampton man charged with assault” - A Northampton man charged with assaulting a man with developmental disabilities last year had his bail set at \$2,000 Friday after being held without right to bail for two months. Donald P. Renkowicz, 55, pleaded not guilty in Hampshire Superior Court in March to charges of assault and battery on a disabled person, intimidation of a witness and threatening to

commit a crime. - - Daily Hampshire Gazette- June 29, 2018  
(Massachusetts) - <https://is.gd/owzxp3>

5. “Mississippi school's special education services fall short, family says” - The Mississippi Department of Education opened an investigation into the Tupelo Public School District’s special education practices last year after receiving a complaint from Natalie and Jamie Gunnells. The couple are parents to an 18-year diagnosed with autism. – Clarion Ledger – June 28, 2018 – (Mississippi) - <https://is.gd/Cz0pdU>
6. “Outrage, questions and finger-pointing after disabled Missouri man is found dead in block of concrete” - On June 1, five people affiliated with Second Chance Homes of Fulton and its employees were arrested for an array of crimes related to DeBrodie’s death and disappearance. – St. Louis Post Dispatch – July 1, 2018 – (Missouri) <https://is.gd/NKCQv3>
7. “Woman hit disabled client at group home” - A Granville woman faces a felony charge after she allegedly hit a disabled resident of a group home where she worked, police said. Lynn L. Martin, 46, of North Maple Street, was charged last week with first-degree endangering welfare of an incompetent or physically disabled person after an investigation by the state Office of People with Developmental Disabilities, the Washington County Sheriff’s Office and the Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs. - The Post Star- Jul 3, 2018 – (New York) - <https://is.gd/LQGC4N>
8. “Developmentally disabled woman scalded in group home shower sues Sunrise Community” - The mother of a developmentally disabled woman in her 20s has filed a lawsuit against Sunrise Community, Inc. claiming she was severely burned while being bathed at the Tallahassee group home where she had lived for more than a year. – Tallahassee Democrat – June 27, 2018 – (Tallahassee) <https://is.gd/l27Pz9>

9. Families of Special Needs Students Raise Neglect Allegations Against Virginia Beach Schools”- Eight families filed a complaint against the district to the Virginia Department of Education on June 8. According to documents released by the VDOE, VBCPS has been accused of not providing Individualized Education Plans (IEP’s). The investigation will determine if the district is appropriately evaluating the behavioral and educational needs of its special education students. –The Globe Post – July 3, 2018 – (Virginia) - <https://is.gd/DaW2t9>
10. “Man accused of sexually assaulting young woman with learning disability” - Jackson County deputies said a man faces a charge after he was accused of sexually assaulting a young woman with a learning disability. Phillip Lee Williams, 20, of Ravenswood is charged with third-degree sexual assault after an incident that was reported June 14, according to a criminal complaint filed in Jackson County Magistrate Court. — Fox 11 News – June 27, 2018 – (West Virginia) <https://is.gd/u0jrOT>

## **LAWS & LEGISLATION**

11. “ABLE Programs in Jeopardy, Disability Advocates Warn” - ABLE programs across the country desperately need an infusion of more account holders, according to a letter sent to congressional leadership this month from over 150 disability advocacy groups. Established under a 2014 federal law, ABLE accounts allow people with disabilities to save up to \$100,000 without risking eligibility for Social Security and other government benefits. Medicaid can be retained no matter how much money is in the accounts. - - disability scoop- June 28, 2018- (D.C.) <https://is.gd/he0Xr1>
12. “Special Education Bias Rule Put on Hold for Two Years by DeVos Team” - The U.S. Department of Education is delaying, by two years, implementation of a rule that would require states to take a closer look at how school districts identify and serve minority students with disabilities.

The "Equity in IDEA" rule, issued by the Obama administration in December 2016, would have gone into effect for the 2018-19 school year. It created a new process for states to follow when they monitor how districts identify minority students for special education, discipline them, or place them in restrictive classroom settings. – Education Week- June 29, 2018- (D.C.) <https://is.gd/ztpDnV>

13. "ID cards could be lifesaver" - The legislation creates a new, optional identification card that can be given to police or other first responders in an emergency. The card would convey important details that could outline a person's communication difficulties, such as the ability to respond verbally; note any issues the person may have with physical contact; and provide contact information. - - Finger Lakes Times- June 27, 2018 (New York) <https://is.gd/oBP3zN>
14. "You did it! Readers respond to a plea for help - and get anti-abuse/neglect law passed | Ronnie Polaneczky"- At the end of the last year, the men and women of the House, gluttons for punishment, re-introduced the proposed legislation – now called House Bill 1124 – passed it unanimously and again sent it to the Senate. This time, the bill made it all the way to the governor, who signed it into law last Thursday. – The Inquirer- July 2, 2018 – (Pennsylvania) - <https://is.gd/wfd6mX>
15. "Human Trafficking Laws go into Full Force July 1" - Several key bills sponsored by Senate Republican Caucus Chairman Bill Ketron (R-Murfreesboro) will become effective on July 1, including legislation to help stroke patients get the best emergency treatment possible and two new laws addressing human trafficking. July 1 marks the beginning of the new fiscal year and is the most common date assigned for enactment of legislation. — WGNS Radio- June 28, 2018 – (Tennessee) <https://is.gd/P7XGhI>

16. “Sullivan County officials praise new adult abuse law” - Sullivan County law enforcement and victim services officials say a state law that went into effect in 2017 has made prosecuting vulnerable adult abuse cases more efficient and also recently expedited a negligent homicide case. The law is aimed at providing more outreach and awareness, better trained officers to detect vulnerable adult abuse, and more resources to help victims, which included requiring all Tennessee district attorneys to establish a multi-disciplinary vulnerable adult protective investigative team, or VAPIT. The teams coordinate investigations of vulnerable adult abuse, neglect and exploitation cases. — Bristol Herald Courier – June 29, 2018 – (Tennessee) <https://is.gd/Gjrl2o>

## **STUDIES & STATISTICS**

17. “Feds Urge Steps to Make Group Homes Safer” - Five months after a scathing report found that injuries, serious medical conditions and even deaths of those with developmental disabilities living in group homes often go overlooked, federal officials are responding. — disability scoop- June 29, 2018 (D.C.) - <https://is.gd/3oTRjo>

## **IMPROVED SUPPORTS**

18. “First Metro hosts abuse seminar” - Friday First Metro Bank hosted a seminar on the subject of elder abuse – a topic a lot of people think doesn’t apply to them, according to Alana Parker from First Metro Bank. — Franklin County Times- June 27, 2018 – (Alabama) - <https://is.gd/VzHXRy>

19. “Commit to principles of the Americans with Disabilities Act” - This year’s anniversary prompts us to reflect on whether our community on Guam is meeting our ADA compliance responsibilities to people with disabilities. To help ensure compliance with the ADA law, the Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities annually coordinates a number of ADA awareness activities and workshops for the public during the month of July. - Pacific Daily News – June 30, 2018 (Guam) <https://is.gd/mVncro>

20. "State Board of Education appoints monitor to improve CPS special education services" - The Illinois State Board of Education on Wednesday announced the appointment of a monitor to work with Chicago Public Schools officials to make a number of changes to the district's special education program. – Chicago Tribune – July 2, 2018 - (Illinois) - <https://is.gd/ll3aOf>
21. "A class where students with disabilities learn how to confront, deal with abusers" - All of the students live with some degree of learning or physical disability and participated in the program outside of their classes during the school day. The graduation marked IMPACT: Ability's eighth year in the Boston public schools, where, through self-defense and self-advocacy training, they aim to teach students with disabilities to understand and prevent abuse. - Dorchester Reporter – June 28, 2018 – (Massachusetts)- <https://is.gd/C17W8b>
22. "Improving access" - Thanks to the Mass. Office on Disabilities, whereupon \$125,000 was available for ADA needs. Many towns have taken advantage of these grants. Greenfield, Montague, Leverett, and Gill are in the midst of submitting their town-wide evaluations or ADA findings under their ADA Transition Plans to the state. Congratulations to all the towns that have addressed the disabled needs to update their very old plans. - Greenfield Recorder- July 2, 2018- (Massachusetts) - <https://is.gd/VWCJbF>
23. "Rochester's New Wheelchair Offers Beach Access" - When you see the Town of Rochester's new big-wheel wheelchair, it's rather obvious where it is meant to take someone with mobility challenges. With its bright blue and white striped chair, and big, bright yellow inflatable tires and armrests that make the chair look like it could float on water, you know immediately where that chair belongs – at the beach. - The Wanderer – July 3, 2018 – (Massachusetts) - <https://is.gd/saMw5s>
24. "Plans underway to make sidewalks in Edison Neighborhood more ADA accessible" - People in the Edison Neighborhood are calling for

improvements to sidewalks for the disabled and local Americans with Disability Act (ADA) rights groups said the updates will enhance mobility and safety along streets in Kalamazoo. The Disability Network Southwest Michigan is partnering with the Edison Neighborhood Association to address the accessibility and mobility concerns. - - WWMT.Com – June 28, 2018 – (Michigan) - <https://is.gd/ROgG3A>

25. “North Las Vegas hospital investigated amid abuse allegations” - Nevada health officials are investigating patient care conditions at North Vista Hospital three months after a Review-Journal report detailed allegations of physical abuse in the psychiatric ward. The state is investigating two complaints regarding the “the physical environment, care of patients and maintenance of records,” said Chrystal Main, a spokeswoman at the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services. Complaints were received on May 22 and June 7.- Las Vegas Review Journal – June 29, 2018 – (Nevada) <https://is.gd/747Amk>

26. “NM Nonprofit Pilots Sexual Assault Services for People with Intellectual Disabilities” - People with intellectual disabilities experience sexual assault and abuse at an alarmingly high rate. Lawmakers in a handful of states across the U.S. have proposed ways to address the issue since an NPR investigation called attention to it in January. The Arc of New Mexico, a nonprofit that serves people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, isn’t waiting for state legislators to take action. - - KUNM- June 28, 2018- (New Mexico)- <https://is.gd/UXk3hl>

27. “Town installs ADA-compliant beach mats” - North Hempstead’s beaches and waterfront are now accessible to all this summer with the installation of beach mats at both North Hempstead Beach Park and Manorhaven Beach Park in Port Washington. Supervisor Judi Bosworth was recently joined by the Town Board to unveil the new beach access mats at North Hempstead Beach Park. — the island now – June 29, 2018- (New York) <https://is.gd/juEsVU>

28. "United Spinal's 7th Annual "Roll on Capitol Hill" Gathers Record Number of Wheelchair Users & Disability Advocates in D.C." - United Spinal Association and over 120 wheelchair user members, clinicians, partners and other disability advocates from 33 states plus Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico, gathered in Washington, D.C. on June 24-27 for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Roll on Capitol Hill to highlight greater access to quality affordable healthcare, community integration, disability rights, assistive and rehab technology, veterans benefits and air travel protections vital to people with spinal cord injury/disease (SCI/D).— Cision PR Newswire- June 29, 2018 – (New York) <https://is.gd/iYNIPJ>
29. "NY agency to protect disabled promises more transparency"- A New York agency tasked with investigating accusations of abuse and neglect of disabled people in state care is promising to improve transparency following years of complaints about conducting nearly all of its work in secret. Denise Miranda became director of the Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs last year. She acknowledges the criticism. WNYT TV- July 5, 2018 – (New York) <https://is.gd/LEYQkl>
30. "Hendersonville to fund study to improve ADA compliance" - - own leaders originally cut funding for a compliance study, but now it's back in the budget. Hendersonville resident Paul Choquette went to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to talk about the importance of the study. In a wheelchair since he was 4 years old, Choquette's independence around the city he lives in matters. "Getting in and out of buildings is big," said Choquette. He wants to make sure Hendersonville city leaders move forward with a compliance study for the Americans with Disabilities Act. The \$250,000 study would look how to improve crosswalks and more. WSMV 4- July 2, 2018- (Tennessee) - <https://is.gd/fCEqqt>

31. “Staples Mill Amtrak station debuts new parking expansion” - The Staples Mill Road Station parking lot previously held 274 spaces for Amtrak passengers boarding the train at Staples Mill, but now has 589. It also includes a dedicated bus loading zone, bike racks, taxi/ride-share parking, improved pedestrian accommodations, additional ADA parking and two entrances via Staples Mill Road and Bremner Boulevard. – channel 12 – June 29, 2018 – (Virginia) <https://is.gd/D9AdC2>
32. Battle Ground special ed students slighted” - Battle Ground Public Schools last school year failed to provide about 90 students at Glenwood Heights Primary School with the special education services they should have received, violating federal and state special education law, according to findings by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. - Battle Ground Public Schools is offering 40 hours of summer school in July for the 90 students affected, and 13 students are expected to attend. “We totally acknowledge a mistake was made and we’re very sorry it happened,” said Ellen Wiessner, the district’s executive director of special services, which includes special education. -The Columbian – June 28, 2018 – (Washington)- <https://is.gd/s8AEcj>

## **INTERNATIONAL**

33. “Protection from abuse for Tasmanian people living with disability 'inadequate', review finds” - A review of the state’s Disability Services Act has found there is more need to include the views and experience of people living with disability in future relevant legislation and policies. – The Advocate- July 5, 2018 – (Australia) <https://is.gd/G8FxuY>
34. “Ensuring inclusion of persons with disabilities” - Bangladesh has prioritised “disability” as one of the major thematic areas of its development agenda. The country has already put necessary policy frameworks in place to ensure disability-inclusive development. - - the daily star- June 27, 2018 – (Bangladesh) <https://is.gd/DMHFbM>

35. "Before he was murdered, here is what a disabled asylum seeker had to say about Britain's 'hostile environment' ..." - The precarious existence of asylum seekers, particularly those who are disabled and those whose cases have been refused, cannot simply be attributed to individual acts of hostility or to the oversight of individual agencies. Rather, it's the result of deliberate government policy. The hostile environment for immigration is designed to be hostile – and this deliberate hostility is being rapidly extended to wider sections of the population. –The Conversation- June 29, 2018 – (Britain) <https://is.gd/n5WvdX>
36. "Disability prevalence higher in rural Bhutan" - Disability has remained mostly a rural phenomenon according to PHCB 2017 report. The census determined that 2.1 percent of the population or 15,567 persons are disabled. Of that, 12,512 or 2.8 percent lived in rural parts of the country. At the national level, it has dropped from 21,894 persons or 3.4 percent of the country's total population in 2005. – Kuensel – June 28, 2018 – (Bhutan) <https://is.gd/JrFnOa>
37. "Senate Report Calls for Improved DTC, RDSP eligibility" - The federal government needs to make it easier and less costly for people with disabilities to access the disability tax credit (DTC) and the registered disability savings plan (RDSP), says a Senate committee report released Wednesday. - - Advisor.CA- June 27, 2018- (Canada)- <https://is.gd/qDE0rh>
38. "Advocates welcome Ontario minister responsible for accessibility" - Advocates for the disabled are praising the Ford government for appointing a cabinet minister to oversee the often-intersecting areas of accessibility and seniors' issues. And they hope Ottawa's recently announced federal accessibility legislation follows Ontario's lead by setting a deadline for full accessibility. — The Star- July 3, 2018- (Canada) - <https://is.gd/b7DoWP>

39. “Yukon should have accessibility legislation: YAACL president” -The president of the Yukon Association of Community Living says the territory should come up with its own accessibility legislation after Ottawa rolled out its own proposed version. The *Accessible Canada Act* was presented hours before the house rose for the summer. If passed, it would only cover areas where the federal government has jurisdiction such as federally run programs and services, banking, telecommunications and transportation that crosses provincial or territorial borders. - Yukon News – July 4, 2018- (Canada) <https://is.gd/hUiDp2>
40. “Who does one believe?’ Home finds no evidence of assault against 101-year-old woman”- Without a witness, there’s no proof as to what really happened. However, there have been too many incidents of abuse within the LTC system as a whole that have gone unreported because residents are at the mercy of caregivers who, unwitnessed, are abusive, until one day they are exposed as the ‘bad apple.’ No one knows what goes on behind closed doors,” Anthony wrote. She said that is why the family is installing a video camera in her mother’s room, something the home welcomed and even helped install. Webb said many residents of long-term care homes badly need an advocate and the most vulnerable are those who have no close friends or family to speak up on their behalf. - Ottawa Citizen – July 4, 2018 – (Canada) <https://is.gd/vHTWvw>
41. “Man jailed for murder of disabled neighbor” - A man who attacked his disabled neighbour with a blunt object has been sentenced to life imprisonment after he was found guilty of her murder. Adrian Jenkins, 44, denied killing his neighbour, Julie Fox, 51, who had cerebral palsy, but was convicted of murder following a trial at Worcester Crown Court. He was sentenced today (28 June) to life imprisonment with a minimum of 33 years to serve. Ms. Fox’s body was found in a cupboard at her home in Worcester on 27 December last year by a concerned neighbour who had not seen her for several days. – Crown Prosecution Service – June 28, 2018 – (England) - <https://is.gd/8V4F3V>

42. “Railway station set for multi-million upgrade NINE YEARS after campaigners petitioned for the project” - A long-awaited £5 million upgrade to a North Staffordshire railway station will finally get underway within months. Network Rail will install a new footbridge, complete with lifts, at Kidsgrove Station, with work due to start in the autumn. A petition calling for improved disabled access to the station was launched back in 2009, and the cause has been championed by community leaders and local politicians ever since. - - Stoke Sentinel - July 4, 2018 – (England) <https://is.gd/V5mQtJ>
43. “Pellet Guns Contributed to Rise in No. of Differently-Abled in J&K”- In three years to 2017 – when the coalition government of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) was in power in Jammu & Kashmir – 31,085 people were certified as disabled in the 10 districts in Kashmir Valley, up 74 percent from 17,898 people in the three preceding years, data obtained through Right to Information requests show. The rising unrest in the valley played a role in the increase, activists said, specifically pointing to the use of pellet guns for crowd control.—The quint- July 3, 2018 – (India) <https://is.gd/j5dOsl>
44. “Iran: People with Disabilities Face Discrimination and Abuse” - People with disabilities in Iran face discrimination, abuse, and an inaccessible environment, Human Rights Watch and the Center for Human Rights in Iran said in a joint report released today. — Human Rights Watch – June 26, 2018 (Iran) - <https://is.gd/4p8id6>
45. “Hiqa cancels registration of HSE centre for people with disabilities” - The healthcare standards regulator has cancelled the registration of a Health Service Executive-run home for people with disabilities based at Cherry Orchard Hospital in Dublin after it found major non-compliance with regulations, including the potential for financial abuse. –The Irish Times – July 3, 2018 – (Ireland)- <https://is.gd/retfho>

46. “No jail for father-of-two who sexually assaulted disabled man” - A father of two who preyed on a young man with a disability and then sexually assaulted him was handed an 18-month suspended prison sentence and was ordered to pay €15,000 to his victim. – Irish Examiner- July 5, 2018 – (Ireland)- <https://is.gd/59X1uV>
47. “Parties urged to define policies for women with disabilities in manifestoes”  
Islamabad: Women with disabilities have urged political parties to define their policies for women with disabilities in their party manifestoes. The demand was raised at a consultation organised by Potohar Mental Health Association (PMHA) with the support of OXFAM. Persons with disabilities (PWDs), researchers, government officials and rights activists participated in the event. – The News- June 29, 2018 – ( Islamabad) - <https://is.gd/urrCjW>
48. “50m Allocated This Year to Upgrade Schools to Aid Disabled Students” - The government has allocated \$50 million dollars this fiscal year to make 171 public schools more accessible to special need students. The Ministry of Education, in making the announcement, said \$5.7 million has already been allocated to 14 schools. The announcement was made in a statement yesterday in which the ministry also revealed that Jamaica College has agreed to accept eleven-year student Alex Fraser, who is confined to a wheelchair. - - Jamaica Gleaner -June 30, 2018 – (Jamaica) - <https://is.gd/sjobdr>
49. “En-Gedi – A Place of Refuge for Neglected Children in Kenya” - People with disabilities, regardless of where they live, tend to be treated as society’s rejects. They are often cast away, isolated, and lead a life-long lonely existence. In many parts of Africa, in Kenya in particular, children with disabilities are often neglect or abandoned by their parents. In some cases, parents have been known to “sacrifice” their children. The parents of some disabled children leave them in the bush where they are apt to die of starvation or disease or be eaten by wild animals. The more ‘fortunate’ ones may be abandoned in villages and towns where their only hope of

survival is begging on the streets. - Missions Box – July 3, 2018 – (Kenya)  
<https://is.gd/4gAYIk>

50. “Mentally Disabled Christian Beaten for Praying in Pakistani Jail “- 25-year-old mentally disabled Christian man, who is in a jail in Pakistan on charges of blasphemy, was brutally beaten by his fellow prisoners because he was praying, according to the U.S.-based group International Christian Concern. The Christian Post – July 2, 2018 – (Pakistan) <https://is.gd/XqlC64>
51. “Glasgow Rape Crisis Centre transformed to improve access for disabled people” - Glasgow and Clyde Rape Crisis Centre has been transformed in a bid to improve access for disabled people. Staff from M&S Argyle Street spent a week renovating the charity's Bell Street base after raising more than £6,000 over the last year to fund the project. The facility had previously been unable to meet the needs of sexual assault and rape survivors who may be wheelchair bound, sight impaired or deaf. - - Glasgow Live- June 27, 2018 – (Scotland) - <https://is.gd/z5Gv44>
52. “3 injivas kill and burn employer” – Home Affairs and Cultural Minister Dr. Mpofu has authorized the arrest and extradition of three Plumtree injivas who allegedly killed their disabled employer in South Africa before burning his body and escaping with 900,000 rand. – Chronicle – June 28, 2018 (South Africa) <https://is.gd/BzFvYe>
53. “State of Special Needs Education calls for budget adjustments” - Equitable access to education and social services is the right of every individual. Children with disabilities have a right to access social services including education. The Government of Uganda designed a number of policies to ensure that children with disabilities can access education. – New Vision- June 29, 2018- (Uganda) <https://is.gd/eVnay6>
54. “Newquay slammed for very poor disability access and 'disrespecting the disabled” - In a complaint to Cornwall Council, he explained how a fellow reviewer, who is disabled, said there are so many issues with the town that it will put off disabled people. The complaint reads: “It’s blatantly obvious

that the whole area is set up for the 'surf board' fraternity and bugger the general public. "Disabled and elderly people have rights too you know." Mr. James listed a series of issues including the lack of a special access on the coast path along the top of Fistral beach. - Cornwall Live- July 4, 2018 – (United Kingdom) - <https://is.gd/VWLH4A>

55. "Dad and daughter spared jail for neglecting disabled great-gran who died while being eaten by maggots in "cesspit" bed" - A dad and daughter have been spared jail for neglecting a disabled great-grandmother who died while being eaten by maggots in a faeces-covered "cesspit". John Purcell, 71, and his daughter, Catherine Purcell Jr, 35, denied and were cleared in May of the manslaughter of their wife and mum, Catherine Purcell Snr. However, the pair were found guilty of neglecting the vulnerable 68-year-old, whose body was found by paramedics at her home in Merseyside in July 2016. Mirror- July 5, 2018- (United Kingdom) <https://is.gd/sGWr70>

56. "Foreign organisations support children, disabled people in Thua Thien-Hue" - The central province of Thua Thien-Hue has received support from many foreign organisations in caring for children and people with disabilities in the forms of gifts and welfare projects. According to Head of the provincial People's Committee Office Hoang Ngoc Khanh, the province has received 976 wheelchairs worth 65,684 USD from the US-based Giving it Back to Kids organisation.- Vietnam – June 27, 2018- (Vietnam) - <https://is.gd/b49Kav>

57. "Demonstrators Protest Knesset Special-Needs Education Bill" - The law in question, Amendment 11 of the Special Education Law, would provide funding for children with disabilities in designated special-education schools, but not for public schools. Protesters outside the Knesset Monday, including Wirzberger, opposed a law scrapping accommodations for children with special needs at public schools. The law in question, Amendment 11 of the Special Education Law, would provide funding for children with disabilities in designated special-education schools, but not

for public schools in their districts. - - The Jerusalem Post- July 5, 2018 – (West Bank) <https://is.gd/IXS9Ww>

58. “Legislation to support the disabled critical” - In April, an operation of a growth on his trachea turned nasty, rendering him paralysed. The heart-rending ordeal is still hard to swallow for his parents — Chipo Samoyo and Jeremiah Mamingagdya — who since then, are relying on well-wishers to be able to fend for their now 18-year-old child who spends all his time sleeping on a sofa at their residence in Chitungwiza’s Nyatsime suburb. It is such cases that the MP for Zengeza West, Simon Chidhakwa, said government needs to institute legislation that facilitates support for people living with disability. - - The Standard – July 2, 2018 - (Zimbabwe) <https://is.gd/qezgDv>

59. “People with Disabilities at high risk for HIV” -People with Disabilities are at high risk of HIV due to barriers they experience in accessing health services in the country, Ministry of Health and Child Care official Dr. Albert Mulingwa has said. Speaking at the International Day of Albinism Awareness Commemorations on Saturday, Dr. Mulingwa said people with disabilities form a significant percentage of the population but it is unfortunate that they remain a population at high risk of HIV, unintended pregnancy and sexual abuse. “Albinism is a form of disability and people with albinism are sometimes stigmatized by society as well and this prevents them from seeking health services. This special population is often overlooked when it comes to health programs and service delivery within the regular channels, “A common perception in some segments of society is that people with disabilities are sexually inactive and so not at risk of HIV infection and therefore not in need of HIV-related information, prevention and services – 263 Chat- July 7, 2018 – (Zimbabwe) <https://is.gd/IE0VBC>

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

60. “Kennedy’s Retirement Will Leave the Rights of People with Disabilities in Danger “- Because disability crosses all identities—race, gender, sexual

orientation, religion, and more—all issues and threats to inequality affect the disability community. But Justice Anthony Kennedy's retirement could directly affect issues specific to people with disabilities as well. – Rewire News- July 2, 2018 – (Maryland) <https://is.gd/6EEvDf>