

Restraint and Seclusion of People with Disabilities: The Extent of the Problem and the Movement Towards Elimination

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Framing the Issues

- The inappropriate use of prone restraint and seclusion.
- The issue of treatment vs. the failure of treatment
- Current trends towards changing how we work with people with disabilities whose behavior challenges us

Alarming Stories

- Deaths and injuries in residential settings
- Deaths and injuries in school settings
- Factors leading to bad practice
 - Lack of training and awareness
 - Punishment cycle
 - Lack of support for staff



Contributing Factors to Deaths by Prone Restraint

- Positional asphyxiation
- Strangulation
- Cardiac arrest
- Drug interactions
- Blunt trauma
- Aspiration

Reports

- In the Name of Treatment (APRAIS/TASH)
- School is Not Supposed to Hurt: Investigative Report on Abusive Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (NDRN)
- Seclusions and Restraints: Selected Cases of Death and Abuse at Public and Private Schools and Treatment Centers (GAO)
- Unsafe in the Schoolhouse: Abuse of Children with Disabilities (COPAA)
- CAICA website: www.caica.org

Legislation!

