

"The evidence just keeps piling up about the level of abuse and violence people with disability are experiencing..."



A growing body of evidence has suggested that people with disability are being chemically and physically restrained and secluded in an attempt to modify their behaviour. Data from the NSW Ministry of Health has revealed that vulnerable people, including children and people with disability, are secluded and/or restrained for an average of 38 hours in hospitals and up to three times a day in school and educational environments.

The physical, psychological and emotional effects, especially on vulnerable people, can be devastating and long lasting, and can cause serious consequences including injury or death. There is no evidence to suggest that using seclusion or restraints is effective in managing behaviour or social interactions.

In Victoria alone, one in three children with disability were excluded from events or activities at school, including camps and excursions, and there were 984 recorded events of children with disability being physically restrained between October 2015 and March 2017, according to the Victorian Department of Education.

These practices send the damaging message to people with disability that they don't matter.

Family Advocacy believes it is critical that all people, including people with disability, are treated in a humane and respectful way that does not involve seclusion or restraints. In response to the growing amount of data revealing the horrific use of restrictive practices in the human service industries, Family Advocacy is hosting a one-day workshop to provide education around the implications of using restrictive practices.

Featuring an international speaker, this workshop is highly relevant to anyone involved in the use of restrictive practices within human services and is wanting to gain a deeper understanding of the implications that these practices have on the people they serve.

The workshop will be held on Friday 30 June, 2017, in Parramatta, NSW. It will run from 9:00am to 4:30pm and will include morning tea, lunch and notes.

\$25 for people with disability and families.
\$165 for professionals.

Registration is essential.

Register online at

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