

when disabled children can't figure out how to sit still, more schools are showing them the ropes.



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GOVERNMENT REPORT CASE # 5

A 4-year-old girl was tied to a chair by her teacher at a West Virginia public school. The child was born with cerebral palsy and was later diagnosed with autism. Her mother reported that she began coming home from school with bruises covering her calves, chest, and wrists. The school and teachers stated that they tied her in the chair because she was "uncooperative." The teachers and aide responsible still work within the public school system.

In May of 2009, a government report listed 19 state governments that have yet to regulate the practices of restraint and seclusion in our public school systems. The report also cited multiple cases of improper restraint and seclusion resulting in death, injury, and emotional trauma of children with varying disabilities.

In recent years, tying disabled children to desks and chairs as a form of restraint has been reported by an increasing number of parents across the country. Our teachers need better training. Our kids need protection. **Isn't it time for our Federal Government to step in?**