

New York Governor Blocks 911 Legislation to Protect Disabled that would End Decades of Discrimination

Governor Cuomo Denies Equal Rights to Disabled

DELMAR, NEW YORK, UNITED STATES, August 8, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- New York Governor Blocks 911 Legislation to Protect Disabled that would End Decades of Discrimination

Michael Carey, the founder of the Jonathan Carey Foundation

<http://jonathancareyfoundation.org/> has taken every imaginable step possible to assist former NY Attorney General Andrew Cuomo and now Governor Cuomo to stop the gross unequal treatment of people with disabilities in New York State to no avail. The outright obstinacy by Cuomo to provide equal rights, equal privileges and "equal protection of laws" for our most vulnerable disabled has been great. People with disabilities are precious human beings and can no longer be treated unequally. People with disabilities because of their disabilities and vulnerability need extra protections, not less protections. According to the NYS Constitution Article 1 under the Bill of Rights Sections 1 & 11 treating the disabled unequally is "[discrimination in civil rights.](#)"

https://www.dos.ny.gov/info/constitution/article_1_bill_of_rights.html. On a federal level, the discrimination and civil rights violations are the same. The U.S. Constitutional rights for all people under the 14th Amendment are for every citizen of the United States to have "equal protection of laws"; this does not disqualify people with disabilities.

<https://www.law.cornell.edu/constitution/amendmentxiv> New York State is discriminating against the disabled by violating their most basic of civil rights to immediate 911 emergency medical and police assistance when they are victims of crimes.

Governor Cuomo and his administration are treating 1,000,000 New Yorkers with disabilities differently, far differently, than other New York State residents. This horrific discrimination is costing many innocent people their lives as reported by Disability Rights New York (DRNY). The purposeful under staffing of facilities and group homes in efforts to cut costs and then to direct improperly trained direct care staff to call a nurse triage hotline instead of 911 is extremely dangerous, it is discriminatory and has been proven to be deadly. DRNY has documented this known trend leading to many "untimely" deaths in their own words. In legal terms these "untimely" deaths would be called criminally negligent homicides. When these types of deaths are purposefully kept from 911, local police, District



Jonathan Carey "Champion for the Disabled" Born September 12, 1993 Killed by caregivers on February 15, 2007

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Attorney's and even medical examiners they are being deemed “untimely” internally and almost always covered-up. In many case these are preventable deaths, but the person with a disability living in residential care facilities and group homes never had a chance because 911 was bypassed and never called. Swift emergency help could never arrive because they were not called, this is the worst type of discrimination because it is deadly. Call 911 for everyone else in immediate danger or when they are a victim of a crime, not so for the disabled in New York.

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State resident is equally important and valuable. Civil rights and equal rights are for everyone, not just for hand selected specific groups of people. New Yorkers with disabilities are of no lesser value or importance than anyone else and can no longer be treated differently and denied immediate 911 first responder medical and police services. The Cuomo administration has chosen to look the other way, stonewall and block emergency 911 legislation that directs mandated reporters and witnesses to physical and sexual assault crimes and deaths of people with disabilities to be reported immediately and directly to 911. <http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=A08307&term=2015>

Emergency medical and police first responders cannot assist the disabled or ensure their equal privileges to 911 emergency services and their basic rights to “equal protection of laws” like for any other New York State resident if the 911 call systems are purposefully bypassed. Currently, tens of thousands of posters and wallet cards spread out throughout New York State direct mandated reporters that witness abuse and neglect of a person with a disability to report directly to Cuomo's hotline, wrongfully titled the “Justice Center” not to 911. Here lies the extremely dangerous, deadly and discriminatory issue, the 911 call systems were set up decades ago to protect and assist everyone, not to negate and shun the disabled. Bypassing 911 cost 13 year old Jonathan Carey his life. <http://www.nytimes.com/2011/06/06/nyregion/boys-death-highlights-crisis-in-homes-for-disabled.html>

<http://www.nytimes.com/video/nyregion/100000000849083/a-failure-to-protect.html>

These civil rights violations and the clear discriminatory practices of keeping local police and emergency medical personnel out of the picture is only the tip of the iceberg regarding systemic cover-ups in NYS that in many cases lead to “untimely” deaths. Governor Cuomo took significant actions to remove all outside oversight of his abuse hotline to conceal staggering numbers of crimes and deaths from local authorities. Cuomo's abuse hotline for the disabled receives massive numbers of calls; over 7,000 every month on average and most cases are never criminally investigated.

<https://www.justicecenter.ny.gov/sites/default/files/documents/monthly-data-report-February-2016.pdf>

Eleven to twelve people are dying in New York State's extremely dangerous mental health care system on average every day and most deaths are never investigated as a possible crime, even when large numbers of deaths are individuals dying extremely young. State information obtained through New York State Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) reveals a large percentage of deaths where there was never a cause of death determined one to two years later. Other State documents obtained through FOIL reveal a pattern of most deaths reported to Cuomo's abuse hotline never reported to medical examiners or coroners as required by law. Most reported suspicious and “untimely” deaths of people with disabilities living in NY State run or privately sub-contracted facilities and group homes are not handled the same as for everyone else. What is going on in New York State is insanity and is illegal.

Instead of finally leading to rectify severe systemic and deadly failures brought to light by the New York Times “Abused & Used” investigative reporting series

http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/nyregion/abused-and-used-series-page.html?_r=0 Governor Cuomo took decisive actions to cover-up more crimes and deaths of people with disabilities than ever before. Federal civil rights and criminal investigations are critical to finally stop these horrific civil rights violations and criminal cover-ups. The Jonathan Carey Foundation and its founder Michael Carey who is Jonathan's dad is insisting on swift federal civil rights and criminal investigations by the U.S. Department of Justice.

The Jonathan Carey Foundation "Civil Rights Walk for the Disabled" to Washington D.C. is one of the important battles in the war against the gross civil rights violations and discrimination of people with disabilities. The Jonathan Carey Foundation is following similar steps that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. took to end discrimination and will persevere until the injustices and unequal treatment of some of our most vulnerable citizens is stopped. It is hard to fathom such levels of discrimination still exists over 50 years after Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. began fighting for civil and equal rights, but it does. Jonathan in an entirely different way suffered and died for a great cause which is to help many other innocent and extremely vulnerable children and adults with disabilities. Jonathan died at the age of 13 because he was disabled and because he was denied immediate 911 first responder medical and police assistance. As Jonathan's dad I vowed and promised Jonathan that I would never forget his friends and I will not. We as a civil society cannot forget our most vulnerable, Jonathan's friends, they need us and we need them. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gf4JxtSRygY>

Jonathan was in dire need of help, he was ignored, he was shunned and Jonathan was discriminated against and as a direct result he was killed. These egregious human rights, civil rights and equal rights violations can and must be stopped. Great changes can happen when people begin to speak up and stand up against such injustices. Countless lives will be saved and many others spared the horrific grief of losing a child as well if we do.

Stand with us for "equal rights" and "civil rights" for people with disabilities in New York State and throughout our great country by signing our petition at www.jonathancareyfoundation.org. Consider a donation of \$9.11 to help 911 become required by law to be immediately called by all mandated reporters regarding all physical and sexual assaults, gross negligence of care, significant and suspicious injuries and when a person with a disability is in medical distress or stopped breathing all together and has died. Many people are resuscitated, if they are only helped and given a chance. <http://jonathancareyfoundation.org/donate/>

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