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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	This series consists of archival copies of the publicly accessible websites of the Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs, which was created in 2013, and its predecessor, the New York State Commission on Quality of Care and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities.
Creator:	Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs (N.Y.)
Title:	Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs archived websites
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Inclusive Date:	2006, 2008, 2010, 2014-2015, 2020
Series:	B2073

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Scope and Content Note

This series consists of archival copies of the publicly accessible website of the New York State Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs and its predecessor agency, the New York State Commission on Quality of Care and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities.

B2073-07: This accretion consists of a copy of the Commission on Quality of Care and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities site produced on December 26, 2006, shortly before Governor George E. Pataki (1995-2006) left office. It consists of copies (1997-2006) of the commission's student-produced newsletter, "Disabilities Awareness," information about winners of a student art contest, and summary information about the commission's mission.

B2073-08: This accretion consists of a copy of the Commission on Quality of Care and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities Web site produced on June 10, 2008, shortly after the resignation of Governor Eliot L. Spitzer (2007-2008). This copy consists primarily of reports (1980-2008) concerning the commission's reviews of assisted living programs, provision of electroshock therapy, custodial facilities for people with mental illness, the quality of care given specific individuals with disabilities, and residential and day treatment programs for people with mental illness, developmental disabilities, or chemical dependency. This copy also contains information about the commission's mission and copies of the commission's annual reports (1991-2008), strategic plans (2000-2003, 2004-2006, 2008-2010), "Quality of Care and Advocacy" newsletter (2000-2008), and student-produced "Disabilities Awareness" newsletter

(1997-2006). Also included are summaries of state and federal laws relating to people with disabilities and information about assistive technology, planning for the care of family members with disabilities, and surrogate committees empowered to make medical treatment decisions on behalf of individuals lacking the ability to give consent.

B2073-10: This accretion consists of a copy of the Commission on Quality of Care and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities Web site produced on December 20, 2010, shortly before Governor David A. Paterson (2008-2010) left office. It contains background information about the commission and additional annual reports (1997-2010), strategic plans (2001-2010), and reports (1979-2010) concerning the commission's reviews of the quality of care given to individuals with disabilities, usage of electroshock therapy, and a wide array of residential and treatment facilities.

B2073-14: This accretion consists of a copy of the Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs site that was produced on March 11, 2014, several months after the Justice Center was established and assumed the functions and powers of the Commission on Quality of Care and Advocacy for People with Disabilities. It contains information about the center's mission, incident reporting, pre-employment background check requirements, resources and programs for people with disabilities, and Justice Center programs. Also present are reports (1979-2010) prepared by the Commission on Quality of Care and Advocacy for People with Disabilities.

Researchers should note that, owing to the structure of the live site and the limitations of Web archiving technology, some of the information contained within this copy may be obscured by navigational menus.

B2073-15: This accretion consists of a copy of the Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs Web site produced on February 20, 2015, shortly after Governor Andrew Cuomo (2011-) completed his first term of office. It contains background information about the center, press releases (2013-2015), a frequently asked questions section, a list of advisory council members and meeting dates (2013-2015), and a Year-to-Date data report (2014). Also included are a copy of the Court of Appeals' *Acosta v. New York City Department of Education* decision (2011), and information about reporting incidents, pre-employment criminal background check requirements, and the center's programs. Brochures and posters in English, Haitian-Creole, Italian, Chinese, Korean, and Russian are also present.

Researchers should note that the Agency Directory navigation menu does not display properly; however it still functions.

B2073-20: This accretion consists of a copy of the Justice Center for People with Special Needs site produced on February 10, 2020, during the third term of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo (2011 -). It contains background information about the office, newer press releases (2018-2019), newsletters (2018-2020), and monthly data reports (2019-2020). Information for family members of people with special needs includes an overview of the center's investigative process, instructions for filing complaints, and information about support services and surrogate decision making. Information for organizations that provide care concerns pre-employment criminal background checks for employees and volunteers, best practices for interviewing people with special needs, reporting requirements, an agency self-assessment, best practices

for creating abuse-free environments, and ethical guidelines for providers. Also included is information about training opportunities for care providers, people legally mandated to report abuse, surrogate decision makers, and users of the center's online systems.

Researchers should note that, owing to the structure of the live site and the limitations of Web archiving technology, only the most recently issued press releases, newsletters, monthly training reports, and training announcements could be captured properly. However, using the Filter option on the left side of the pages listing these resources will make a few older items accessible.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions regarding access to or use of this material.

Items Online

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[Commission on Quality of Care and Advocacy for People with Disabilities site \(2006\)](#)

[Commission on Quality of Care and Advocacy for People with Disabilities site \(2008\)](#)

[Commission on Quality of Care and Advocacy for People with Disabilities site \(2010\)](#)

[Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs site \(2014, 2015, 2020\)](#)

Administrative Information

Custodial History

The New York State Archives used Web archiving software to copy these websites in order to preserve the information they contain.

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Access Terms

- Publicizing state government
- Web sites
- Mental health facilities--New York (State)
- New York (State)
- Informed consent (Medical law)--New York (State)
- Alcoholism--Hospitals--New York (State)
- Substance abuse--New York (State)
- Intellectual disability facilities
- People with mental disabilities--Care--New York (State)
- Documenting public policy
- Hospitals--New York (State)
- New York (State)--Politics and government
- Developmentally disabled--Care--New York (State)