

# When it comes to torture, it's time to pick a side.



*A child at the JRC in a 4-point restraint*

As it has many times in the past, the Association for Behavior Analysis International is allowing the Judge Rotenberg Center (JRC) to exhibit at its convention.

The Judge Rotenberg Center's use of **contingent electric shock, food deprivation, mechanical restraint** and other "aversives" has been called out as abusive on multiple occasions. **In 2010, the United Nations declared that JRC's practices are torture.** The UN then asked the US government to intervene.

Recent civil litigation has led to renewed media attention from sources ranging from the Boston Globe to Anderson Cooper's television shows. The United States Department of Justice has targeted the Judge Rotenberg Center in an ongoing investigation of its abusive practices. For decades, disability rights advocates have worked toward one simple goal: shut down the Judge Rotenberg Center.

Still, ABAI hasn't gotten the message: the Judge Rotenberg Center's use of torture in the name of treatment should never be given a platform. ABAI must disavow the Judge Rotenberg Center and other facilities which use aversive interventions and abusive treatments.

**When it comes to the torture of disabled children and adults, the time has come to pick a side. Condemn the JRC and stop giving it a platform.**

**Contact ABAI leadership today!**

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**Tell ABAI to condemn the Judge Rotenberg Center  
and stop giving it a platform at conventions.**