



## My Story

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### Life in institution

I was placed in an institution  
when I was a little girl.



Many of my rights were  
violated there.



I could not go to school.





## Life in institution

I did many jobs there  
and I never got paid for them.



They called us rude names and  
punished us in different severe  
manners.



## My life in the community

When I came out of institution  
I did not manage alone in all the things.



Friends helped me in  
finding my first job.



For the first time in my  
life I had salary.





## My life in the community

I am living totally independently  
for two years now.



I lead a life that I always dreamt of.



I wish that all institutions are closed  
and that people with intellectual  
disabilities are finally given a chance to  
live like everybody else.





Thank you!