

Justice Center – Intro Video Script

IT WAS A STORY THAT SHOCKED THE WORLD.

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AT THE WILLOWBROOK SCHOOL -- LIVING IN UNIMAGINABLE CONDITIONS.

THE SERIES SPARKED CHANGES TO THE WAY NEW YORK STATE CARED FOR PEOPLE-- BUT PROMISED REFORMS AND NECESSARY OVERHAULS FELL SHORT.

NEARLY 40 YEARS AFTER WILLOWBROOK – DISTURBING IN-DEPTH REPORTS AGAIN FOUND WIDESPREAD, SYSTEMIC MISTREATMENT.

NEW YORKERS DESERVED BETTER.

WORKING TOGETHER, LAWMAKERS, ADVOCATES, AND STATE OFFICIALS CREATED “THE JUSTICE CENTER FOR THE PROTECTION OF PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.”

TODAY, THE AGENCY PROTECTS THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND DIGNITY OF NEARLY ONE MILLION NEW YORKERS.

THE CREATION OF THE JUSTICE CENTER USHERED IN A NEW ERA OF ACCOUNTABILITY, PREVENTING OFFENDERS FROM REPEATING ACTS OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT.

THE AGENCY MADE ABUSE PREVENTION A PRIORITY BY USING UNMATCHED DATA TO STOP INCIDENTS BEFORE THEY HAPPEN.

BUT THE JUSTICE CENTER IS ABOUT SO MUCH MORE THAN MAKING SURE NEW YORK HAS THE STRONGEST PROTECTIONS IN THE NATION.

IT’S ABOUT PROVIDING AN ACCESSIBLE, DIRECT LINE TO REPORT SUSPECTED ABUSE – BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS – PROVIDING RESOURCES – AND CREATING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT WHERE PEOPLE CAN THRIVE, FREE FROM HARM.

THE JUSTICE CENTER’S WORK IS NEVER DONE. BUT THANKS TO ITS RELENTLESS WORK OVER MORE THAN A DECADE – “GOOD ENOUGH” WILL NEVER BE GOOD ENOUGH AGAIN.